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Roses are Red...(aren't they??)

The joys of the Christmas season have ended abruptly with recent events in the Gulf. We are well aware of the horrors of war in our own country but the scale of misery for so many in the Arab world at present has effected our community in a most profound way. Despite the trauma of war we must not lose hope for the restoration of sanity to all concerned and concentrate on aspects of peace.

It seems appropriate then to highlight this month's issue as our Valentine's edition. The contributors have taken this love business very seriously with the intention of encouraging all our readers to enter into the spirit of romance. You will find anything from horoscopic predictions of the lovelorn kind to spells to history included in these pages, so make use of them.

Return of the Vandals

It is with regret that we must report on the recent vandalism in the town. The Christmas tree in the Square (one of the finest in years and erected by Manor Mills) was yet again torn down and the lights smashed shortly after Christmas. A similar event recently reported in Britain had at least the saving grace of being performed in protest to a contentious issue. What could our Maynooth removal crew have been objecting to, one wonders? The extreme shortage of reliable brain tissue meted out to them perhaps?

Classified Casuals in the Centrepont Mall also seems to have been the focus of wanton damage, with the effects of an apparent break-in very much in evidence recently.

Parade Competition

The Newsletter will offer £10 to the reader who comes up with the most original idea (in writing) for this year's Newsletter float in the St Patrick's Day Parade. In the past our floats have tended to be humorous in theme and presentation and we won the prize for the funniest float last year. We would like to continue in the same vein and therefore we encourage your ideas to reflect this. Should we find the winning idea a feasible one we shall use it as our theme and credit the winner in the April issue. Entries should be addressed to **The Editor, Maynooth Newsletter, Main Street, Maynooth** and should reach us no later than Monday 18th February at 5pm. No late entries will be considered so start thinking now.

Tall Stories

A reminder to all you writers to get the biro (or the word processor) out and get those stories in to us before the March 19th closing date. Make sure the piece does not exceed 1,000 words. This year, as usual, we will accept entries in three categories: the under 12s, 12-18 year olds and the over 18s (this includes the forever thirtysomethings and the neverever forties). Prizes will be substantial as always - details of same will be included in the March edition (in shops on March 1st).

Letters

Finally, we welcome the new life brought to our letters page this month by the huge increase in correspondence to us. For years we were under the impression that nobody knew our address or that perhaps the sales figures were mysteriously misleading. Every publication thrives on correspondence and as far as we're concerned, the more we get the better.

Letters to the Editor

Open Carton again.

Dear Editor,
May I avail of the facility of your magazine to suggest to the Community Council that they consider holding another visiting day in Carton House during the forthcoming summer. I had heard that last year's event was to be the final one of its kind and I consider this, if true, to be extremely distressing. Maynooth and its people has, for centuries, been linked inseparably with this magnificent house and grounds and each visiting day provides the townspeople with an opportunity to keep this tradition alive. Last year friends of mine travelled from Roscommon especially to view the house, proving that its attraction reaches even beyond the immediate locality. The volume of the crowds who visited in previous years must surely impress upon the owners to arrange another open day with you. Looking forward to hearing some good news regarding this event!

Yours sincerely,
Seamus O' Caoile, Kingsbry.

State of Footpaths

A Chara,
Enclosed is a letter I received from John Carrick, Co. Engineer, regarding the condition of the footpaths in Maynooth. I am pleased to learn that reconstruction of paths and new paths on the Moyglare Road and Convent Road are planned for the coming year. However, I am not happy with the fact that only routine patching and maintenance are to be done to the paths on Main Street. I will continue with my endeavours to have these paths restored as you are aware they are in a desperate state at present and patching will not be sufficient. Wishing you a very happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,
Sean Power, T.D.

Dear Deputy,
Re: Condition of footpaths in Maynooth area.
I refer to your representations of 11/12/90 on behalf of the Maynooth Residents, regarding the above matter. Works on reconstruction of paths and new paths on the Moyglare Road, Convent Road, Maynooth, are envisaged for 1991. The amount of work will depend of course on grants available to the Council. Routine patching, maintenance will be done on paths on Main Street from time to time.

Yours faithfully,
John Carrick,
County Engineer.

Parking Problems in Maynooth

Dear Editor,
It was very surprising to note in your last issue that our Chamber of Commerce should recommend the disfigurement of the Main Street as a solution to the traffic problem in the town. The revision of parking bays would not help the situation but

would add to the problems particularly to those of us living in the area. Indeed we have lost very very much in quality of living already. It is only fair therefore that we should ask those driving through to accept a little of the discomfort. A few extra minutes (and this only for a couple of hours in the day) is not too much to ask while we have to put up with the fumes, noise and annoyance for 24 hours a day seven days a week. This is not the first time that such parking bays between trees were suggested. The County Council had the same idea some years ago but withdrew after objections by the towns people. The same objections still hold good. Our suggestions would be as follows:
(I) To keep the bus stops free of obstruction (buses cause considerable disruption by unavoidable double parking) particularly in the Main Street.
(II) Business people to open the back of their premises for parking their own and their employees' cars.
(III) Banning the parking of large vehicles on the "Main through road" between 8am & 8pm.
(IV) Banning, if possible, day long parking of commuters cars in the Square and on the 'through road'.
(V) Extension of and use of the car park in Pound St. (the Co. Council own the ground behind).
These suggestions would help to ease the present problem but only the completion of the by-pass will make a lot of difference. Why spoil the town when the solution is in sight?

Ted Kelly.

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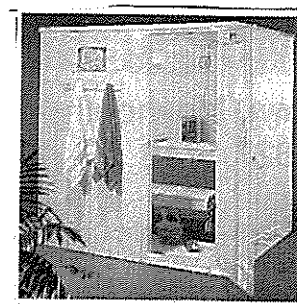
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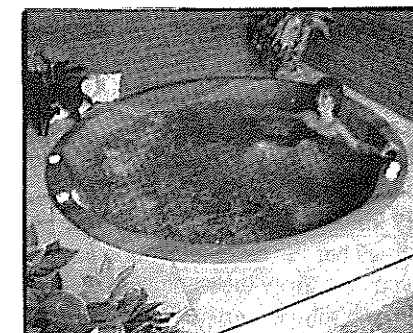
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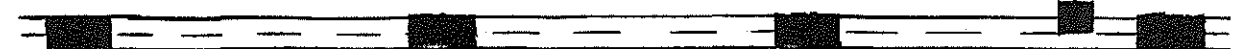
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Letters to the Editor

Barriers facing the disabled

3rd January 1991

Dear Editor,

In reference to the article in the December edition "Scale the Heights?", I would like to thank all the people of Maynooth, students and others who supported "the student protest" outside the main gates of the college last October.

In particular the sixteen hundred people who signed the petition calling on the college authorities to implement a policy for all students with disabilities and assistance to providing accessible accommodation and classrooms for the Diploma in youth and community work course as was the situation last year until the arrangement was reversed at the beginning of last term.

All around the country people find themselves in similar situations of being marginalised and discriminated, women with children in prams who can't get into post offices and banks. Travellers who are constantly being denied their rights.

People with disabilities experience on a daily basis manmade handicapping features in the environment despite being entitled to the same choices of activities and freedom of access as any other person.

All too often additional barriers, mainly physical and attitudinal force people with disabilities to resort to segregated arrangements or just become disillusioned and end up feeling unwanted and dejected becoming prisoners in their own homes when what they want to do is to fully participate in life as is their right. Since a compromise was found to the protest I have been accommodated with the Kiltegan Fathers on a temporary basis, which they kindly agreed to, lectures have been moved to the Arts buildings but the daily allocation of these has not as yet been worked out. From the student union assembly a committee was formed to make up policy for all disabled students to present to the College Executive Council. This committee is at present gathering relevant information on all aspects of this policy which will in the long run aid all students.

One objective of this committee we would see as broadening general awareness and help other disabled students coming to Maynooth and assist the college authority's cope with their needs and hopefully clear the way in future for other students with disabilities. So that in future direct action like this protest will never have to be repeated especially around an issue like disability.

Edward Jennings.

No vegetarian restaurants

17th January 1991

Dear Editor,

It is with a certain amount of annoyance that I write to endorse one of your New Year's resolutions (January issue, page three) and to draw your readers' attention to the fact that there is no satisfactory vegetarian menu available in any of the restaurants which I have frequented in Maynooth. This, despite the facts that more and more people are choosing to be vegetarian and that most towns and cities in Britain and Ireland have at least one vegetarian restaurant, not to mention menu!

There are occasional comforts to be derived from the fact that Kehoe's Delicatessen sometimes have a vegetarian dish on offer, as is also the case with Patrick's. Apart from a fine

selection of salads however the Country Shop restaurant rarely have a meat free dish available - nor does the Leinster Arms. And what has happened to Stephen Hero's? Only a few days ago I discovered that the upstairs section was open for a trial period until late in the evening. I have to suggest to the management of this cafe that they seriously consider advertising the aspects of their existence - I don't know of anybody who was aware of the opening until well after it had closed due, presumably, to low attendance. Perhaps they might also benefit from having a wider selection of food than the unique (if somewhat lonely) sandwiches on offer.

Surely it is not too much to hope that the restaurants in Maynooth wake up to the fact that they will need to support a potentially large tourist trade passing each summer which will almost certainly do precisely that - pass - if there is not the wider range of food available here which we have come to expect from restaurants everywhere else?

Yours,

Michelle Lannigan,
Cluain Aoibhinn.

Is Divorce the issue?

Dear Editor,

I write in reply to a piece on divorce that appeared in the page entitled 'Political Notes' in last month's edition of the Newsletter. I accept the need for facilities that cater for all sectors of our pluralist society and by implication I recognise that legislative change is also called for.

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Letters to the Editor

However, I must say that I was alarmed to read the confident equation your reporter made between 'progressive' and open Irish minds and that of those advocating divorce. Surely it is altogether possible as an objective moral evil in our present understanding of Catholic marriage and at the same time to claim a progressive and liberal attitude. Why is it then that such sensitive issues as this one cause a split in our community by presuming to separate the bigots from the thinkers or worse again the ignorant from the enlightened. It seems to me that the area of contention is centred on how we perceive marriage. Do we accept that it should be legally binding in a way that perhaps no other institution in Irish society is? Or is it that we view marriage as essentially godly and therefore as a sacrament? Is it by its nature indissoluble and enduring?

I think it is fair to say that for those who wish to make the kind of commitment asked of them by the Catholic Church and by their own understanding of the nature of marital union that a divorce should never be imposed. But for those who in conscience feel incapable of taking such vows might there not be some other service, less 'secular', say, than the registry office option but in character less final than the present church ceremony? The debate as we all know is rather about to what extent should the Catholic Church influence the State law. Is it possible to provide for those of a religious persuasion whilst at the same time respecting the rights of those unbound by such vows? An enforcement of a moral law can never be said to achieve 'good' citizens, only obedient ones. If one's conscience genuinely rejects such State legislation then perhaps it's time for a serious evaluation and no more of this 'long finger business'. It is time to remove the issue from the arena of liberal / conservative labelling and tackle the reality of state-church politics.

Yours,
Mary Elliot.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the Community Council took place on January 21st in the Post Primary school. The executive officers of the Council were returned unanimously for another year: John McGinley (Chairperson); Muireann Ni Bhrolchain (Vice-Chairperson); Peter Hussey (Secretary); Margaret Clinec (P.R.O.); Dominic Nyland and Matt Kirwin (Joint Treasurers).

Chairperson's and Secretary's Reports

The following were the main issues raised by the officers' reports.

This is the second year of the Community Council's third term. The experience of other community councils has been that the third term has been a central point in their development and that usually at this stage it has been difficult to get people to participate on or even stand for council positions. Maynooth Community Council is fortunate in this regard - participation is still relatively good and a number of our present councillors were also members of the first two councils. Elections for the fourth Community Council will be held in March or April of 1992.

During 1991 a review and reform of the subcommittees was undertaken so as to involve as many people as possible in their

Community Council Notes

activities. The St Patrick's Day Parade Committee is now going full steam ahead and is having its next meeting on 5th February. Anyone who would like to participate in the meeting is more than welcome to come along. The Community Festival Committee will be formed at a meeting in Caulfield's meeting room on Monday, 4th February at 8.30pm. Public participation in the Community Festival in previous years has been quite poor so the committee will be aiming to promote the Festival as much as possible. Ideally it should be brought into line with those of our neighbouring towns. To do this we need original ideas and considerable dedication. If you feel that you might have something to offer please come along to at least one meeting.

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Community Council Notes

All the other sub committees continue invaluable work and all would welcome active participation from new members. Work in progress includes the Tourist Brochure of Maynooth (hopefully to be sponsored by Bord Failte) and a Children's History Of Maynooth. Both items are being managed by the Communications Sub Committee which will be holding a planning meeting on Tuesday, 12th February at 8.30pm in the town library. Again, anybody interested in coming along may do so.

Last Years' Activities

The St Patrick's Day Parade was once again a huge success, attracting floats and spectators from far and wide. It is the largest parade in Leinster outside of Dublin and drew the attention last year of R.T.E.

The Carton House Open Days were, as usual, tremendously successful - people from all over the country availed of the unique opportunity to visit the house. The meeting unanimously endorsed the hope that it might be open again later this year.

The 1990 Maynooth Information Directory was launched in January and was the result of combined S.E.S. and Teamwork output from the office.

Campaigns such as the ongoing one to have the 'Thing' removed gained momentum, as did the Town Commission Status for Maynooth Campaign. Social events such as the two treasure hunts, numerous table quizzes, inter estate soccer tournament, talent competitions, Battle of the Bands etc proved to be highpoints of the entertainment year.

Of course, **The Maynooth Newsletter** has gone from strength to strength having dramatically updated its image and format and improved coverage of newsworthy items on Maynooth. An S.E.S. worker has recently been employed to specifically unearth and report on such news items. If you wish to have an issue covered contact Gerry Scully at the office. The Newsletter is continuing to change its format and features, adding something different to each edition.

Acknowledgements are due to the hardworking Editorial Board and the trojan work of the office staff.

Placement rate as a result of working in the office has been maintained at an impressive level - of the eleven workers who passed through our employ last year 8 have secured fulltime employment and one returned to fulltime education.

Objectives

Some of the Council's objectives for this year include the successful conclusion to the Remove the 'Thing' Campaign, getting the County Council to resurface the roads and footpaths in and around Maynooth, holding a vibrant and event filled Community Festival, publishing the history book and tourist brochure, organising more and varied social events and making a determined effort to bring Maynooth up a considerable distance in the points table for the Tidy Towns Competition.

Correspondence regarding the 'Thing'

The Community Council had urged the E.S.B. to relocate their sub-station which is currently in the Square and was holding up developments in plans to remove the public toilets. Mr T Murray, Regional Manager with the E.S.B. replied to our request as printed below. We are currently seeking ways to raise the £6,500 necessary to have the job done.

17th December, 1990.

Dear Mr. McGinley,

Your letter of 23rd October, 1990 to the Director, Customer Operations and previous correspondence with ESB refer.

It is clear that ESB could not afford to replace its assets free of charge for environmental or other reasons, and there are many requests to this effect. As you say in your letter, ESB has a policy of contributing to the improvement in the environment. In the case of networks, this has been done in association principally with the local community and the local authority. The proposal for Maynooth is obviously one which will contribute to the appearance of the area and we are anxious to contribute to this process.

I am prepared to share the costs (£13,185) with the Community Council and the County Council - the ESB contribution to be £6,500, provided the works requested in our letter of 9th October to the Community Council are carried out at no additional costs to ESB.

The North Branch staff in Dublin Region will be in contact with the Community Council and Kildare County Council to work out the details. We will give our full co-operation to the project.

Yours sincerely,
T. Murray.
Regional Manager.

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I.C.A. NOTES

The January meeting was held on Thursday Jan 5th. Our president Madeline Stynes wished everybody a Happy New Year. Sympathy was extended to Mrs Curran on the death of her brother.

The monthly competition - A slice of Christmas Cake was won by Mary Doyle 2nd Rosemary Hanley and 3rd Anna Dolan. The competition for February - My Favourite Cup & Saucer. The February meeting will be held on Thursday 7th at 8 pm in the ICA Hall, The Harbour. Joe Fitzpatrick from Irish Heart Foundation will address the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

P.R.O.
Mairead Scanlon.

MAYNOOTH FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Our Christmas Show which was held in the SVD Hostel was a great success. Jamie Burnside from Derry enthralled us all with very beautiful and innovative exhibits, all the while entertaining us with his dry northern wit.

Our hearty congratulations go to our club secretary, Felicity Satchwell on her wonderful achievement of taking 1st Prize for Collage at the London Overseas Show.

We would like to extend our sympathy to the family of one of our founder members, Mrs. Doreen White, who died recently. Sympathies are also extended to our committee members, Sarah Angel and Felicity Satchwell on the death of Sarah's Father-in-law and Felicity's uncle, George Angel.

As demonstrator for our next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday 19th February, we are proud to present Imelda Desmond, one of our own members and a renowned flower arranger and demonstrator. The title of the demonstration will be "Curtains Up".

We would like to remind you of our change of time and venue. Our meetings are now held every 3rd Tuesday in the Post Primary School.

New members are always welcome.

P.R.O.
R. Smyth.

ROYAL CANAL AMENITY GROUP NOTES

Carton Harbour

People driving on the Main Dublin Road will have noticed that rustic fencing has been installed on one side of Pikes Bridge. It is hoped to continue this on the other side of the bridge after renovations. Some of the walls have been refurbished along the quay side and, although recent weather made work difficult, work is reasonably on target.

Litter

It is with deep regret that we have to announce that some thoughtless person has been persistently dumping refuse adjacent to the slipway in the Main Harbour. This can be construed

only as a gross insult to the people of the Maynooth area as a whole, who gave unstintingly of their time and generosity to restore the harbour and canal. However a lot can be gained from looking through bags of rubbish and since the offender is now known to us we would ask the person to desist forthwith.

Paths

Yes! You can enjoy a walk from Maynooth to Leixlip and even further since paths have now been cleared. It is advised that some of the paths might be some what muddy as a result of recent inclement weather.

The Island

We take this opportunity to thank the O.P.W. Waterways Team who successfully completed work on the raising of the Island. Special thanks to Kathleen Brewster and John McKeown for their valued input to this major work and indeed to all works of restoration.

Readers need not worry, we are assured that grass, rushes and wild flowers will soon start to grow on the new part of the Island in the spring time when growth starts again.

Questions

In next months issue we will be answering the questions that people tend to ask at almost every fund raising and promotional event so if you were wondering about certain aspects of the canal then your questions might be answered. DON'T MISS IT.

Gerry Fitzpatrick
P.R.O.

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Residents' Association Notes

GREENFIELD ESTATE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The news, now that we have all eaten our fill, entertained and been entertained to the highest degree, and have now come back down to earth with the usual bang, is that the Supper Dance is on the horizon. Just when you thought mundanity was all you had to look forward to, the Association to the rescue. Hold all appointments for Saturday, 9th February 1991. Your spirits will be lifted, you will meet your neighbours in a warm and pleasant atmosphere and you will not even have to drive there and back unless you choose to as there will be a mini-bus available on the night!! Now what more could a body ask??

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(Just remember the Garda ANTI Drink/Drive campaign, it would be wise to be safe rather than sorry)

All of the stakes for the fence on Lawrence Avenue have not yet been erected. The physical assistance of the residents is required. People of the Avenue should try to come out and give a hand as it is YOUR children who are at most risk. But any help will be welcomed by those staunch workers who have done virtually all the fence work up to now.

The PRO has had to resign from the committee due to extra commitments and the committee wish to say that she will be sadly missed. (Personally, my biggest regret is not being double-jointed as I have been asked by the committee to give myself a pat on the back!!) Here is an opportunity knocking for someone who, as they say, has a way with words, so sharpen your pens and volunteer. You will be welcomed warmly by the remaining committee, even if only as a respite from me.

Last but not least, the AGM of the Association will be held on Monday, 4th March in the college. All will be welcome to attend. Remember it is YOUR Association and can only function if it gets your support. If each householder would serve for even year, the burden would be very light and you would not have to see the same old faces asking for subs and nagging you to help out or clean up or whatever. With over 250 houses in the Estate, and only ten to twelve members on the committee, it would take over 20 YEARS for your turn to come back around. Remember, women are especially welcome on the committee as they tend to be very much in touch with the grass roots. So come on ladies, come to the AGM and get on the committee. It is not that onerous a task and you might even enjoy it.

NEW GREENFIELD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, PHASE THREE.

Well Christmas is well over now and we are into a New Year. This is when we will have to get our heads together, and make our estate what we want it to be.

The committee has a lot of ideas, but we want the people to come and say what they have in mind, come to the committee and tell us what you would like to see. Well we have our Goal

Posts up and when the weather is better we will line the Pitch. At this point we would like to thank Mick O'Sullivan. The Disco was a great success, a good time was had by all the children even the Mums enjoyed it, on the same night we had the winner of our Name the Estate Competition. That was won by Elaine Carrougters, she received a voucher for the Bike Shop. We would like to thank all the people of Greenfield for their support with the Raffles leading up to Christmas. What we want to do next would not be possible without your support, which will enable us to buy the trees and shrubs and what ever else is wanted. Thank you.

A Happy New Year to you all from The Committee.

Secretary
Ann Kirby.

LYREEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The major talking point this month is the 'No Entry' Signs which have at long last been erected at both entrances to the long lane. After the initial stage where motorists genuinely did not notice them things have improved considerably. The volume of 'race track' traffic has practically ceased and it is now a much safer area to walk, or drive through.

The problem has not totally gone away though. We are still getting those who cannot be bothered to make the detour, love breaking the law anyway or, as in one case, think the signs are for 'one way traffic'. We are grateful to the Gardai who have played their part in backing up the signs and to all those motorists who have passed their driving test and know that a black arrow with a red line through it really does mean NO ENTRY.

We should soon be getting back to normal with our committee and open meetings so we will have a little more news for the next Newsletter.

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Fundraising - The committee wishes to express its appreciation to all who supported the Bingo before Christmas, also many thanks to parents who donated prizes for the very successful draw.

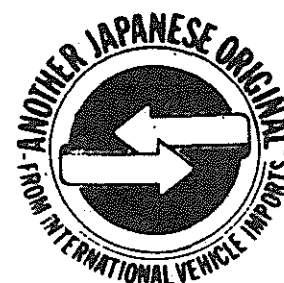
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Committees' News

We would also like to thank Owen Byrne, John O'Connor and their Bingo Committee for their very professional running of the event. It is proposed to hold an American Tea Party on April 12th in the County Club Dunshaughlin - music by Panache. It is hoped to run busses depending on demand and we will be looking for your support on this - but more later. Family subscriptions of £5 are now due and this is being collected in the school or at each years Parent Teacher Meeting (Leaving Cert. on Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30p.m.). Remember that any money collected goes back to help in school.

Tennis - A preliminary committee is working towards the formation of a Club and it is hoped to circulate parents as soon as possible.

P.R.O.
W. Coughlan

LADYCHAPEL GRAVEYARD RESTORATION GROUP

On a recent Sunday the above group held a monster Bingo at the Parochial Hall to raise funds for the on-going care of Ladychapel Graveyard.

We would like to thank the Maynooth Bingo Committee for running the show for us and Fr. Supple P.P. for all his help, also our sponsors for the Raffle: The Elite, Thomas Fields Supermarket - Kilcock, The Chocolate Box - Kilcock, Top of the Crop, The Country Shop Restaurant, Ultra Vision, Paddy and Eddie Travers, Jim's Shoe Repair, McKennas' - Clane, Joseph Buckley, Pat Travers and Reilly's Undertakers.

Also we urge anybody who has not visited the graveyard since its restoration to do so on the first Fine day.

Again many thanks to all who helped in any way.

P.R.O.
H. Dunne.

BAND BULLETIN

Welcome to our first Bulletin of 1991 (it should have been last month but I was caught with my commas down by the Editors early closing date for Christmas).

Firstly can we thank all who were so generous during our Christmas Carol Recitals. We tried to visit as many areas as possible but the intense cold on several nights made sure that our wish was not granted. Fingers became so numb that many notes refused to be flattened and frozen toes absolutely stiffened at the mere mention of further abuse so it was a case of hearing to curtail our visits. Christmas morning was also bitterly cold and I'm sure many of our members looked longingly at those with fur coats and hats as we waited outside the Church Gate at the start of the Parade. We were grateful to those hardy annuals who stood in the square later on to listen to the last of the Christmas music. We wished we could have stayed longer but the human body being what it is.....

The New Year means the new uniform and it looks like our target of St. Patrick's Day may not now be met. The fund has

almost reached it's target and we are having last minute hitches with the final design of the uniform which we hope to have ironed out (pardon the pun) very soon. We can promise that if it is not unveiled for the Parade on March 17th that we will let you all know when 'D' Day is planned so that as many people as possible will have an opportunity to see the uniform for the first time. You can rest assured that the first public showing will be in Maynooth.

We will have news of our new officers and committee for 1991 in our next issue as our A.G.M. takes place at the end of January, look forward to seeing you then.

MAYNOOTH CREDIT UNION NOTES

The Annual Staff Dinner/Cabaret of the Maynooth Credit Union was held in Slims, The Leinster Arms, Maynooth on Saturday 12th January 1991. A very enjoyable night was had by all, as usual the food was delicious. We would like to say a special word of thanks to all the people who generously donated spot prizes for our event. The time has come for our Poster Competition, closing date being on 12/1/91. We would like to congratulate our winners which are as follows.....

Under 8 years:	Michael Higgins, First £5.00
8 - 11 years:	Chris Arthurs, First £10.00, Suzanne Butler, Second £5.00
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Committees' News

We would like to thank all those who submitted posters for the competition, the standard was very high this year which made our task of judging the winners very hard indeed.

Dividends to all members and shares are being posted to their accounts at the moment. New members are always very welcome. The hours of opening for this branch are as follows....

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P.R.O.
May Haren.

PRESENTATION CONVENT PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our first fund-raising event this year was our annual Christmas raffle. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following sponsors who made this event possible;

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It is time once again to ask for the annual subscription of £5.00 per family for the above association. The main function of this association is to provide equipment for the classrooms and help with the running costs of the school finance for which there is nothing available from any other source, so your contributions are indeed a valuable source of income for the association. We encourage everyone to make an effort to contribute and we thank you for your continued support..

Our grateful appreciation to last year's committee members; B. Duffy, J. Brady, L. Butler, C. Bryne and B. Cormally for their hard work during the year. A special and very big thank you to R. Smyth, B. Hogan, J. Casey and R. Dillane for their commitment and hard work over the last three years on the committee's behalf. You will all be sadly missed.

Finally we would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year.

P.R.O.
Sheila Fleming.

OLD PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE

The Christmas Dinner, generously provided by Mr. Peter O'Brien, was held at the Post Primary on January 6th. About 130 of the elderly from Maynooth, Kilclone and Mulhussey had a most enjoyable evening. The excellent meal was followed by entertainment arranged by Josie with items by members of the Church Choir, the Kilclone set dancers, Eileen Byrne, Aileen Flood, Paul Daly, Carol Barton, Vinnie Mulready, Gabriel Flood and Ruth Morrissey. The elderly look forward to the dinner as one of the high spots of the year.

We are extremely grateful to Mr. O'Brien and his family and staff for making it possible, to Mr. Tom Ashe for all his hard work and for allowing us to use the school, and to the entertainers and everyone else who gave so willingly of their time and talents.

The Valentine's Party will be held on February 24th in the Post Primary at 4p.m. It will be preceded by Mass at 3.30p.m.

The A.G.M. was held on Tuesday 15th January. The officers for the coming year are as follows:

Chairperson: Imelda Delaney
Vice-Chairperson: Bridget Tierney
Secretary: Rose Bean
Assistant Secretary: Joan Lennon
Treasurer: Catherine Mulready
Assistant Treasurer Patricia Clusker

We are delighted to welcome several new members to the Old People's Committee and hope they will find it enjoyable and rewarding.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Willie Monahan who died recently. Mr. Monahan was one of our oldest members.

P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH CASTLE COMMITTEE

It is difficult to remember that it was indeed only this time last year that the town of Maynooth came together to form The Maynooth Castle Committee. For the first time, to my knowledge, the College, schools and all organisations and committees came together for a common purpose: to restore Maynooth Castle.

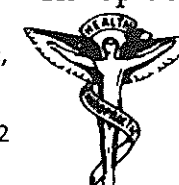
I hope by now all readers are aware of the very ambitious project which the Maynooth Castle Committee has proposed to the Commissioners of Public Works. The Commissioners have responded in a most positive way. From the outset Commissioner B. Scully made us aware of the utmost importance of having a strong community based committee and it was this factor more than anything else which has been responsible for our achievements to date.

Maynooth Castle for the first time in its long history is now in public ownership and it is floodlit! We are very lucky to have such a hard working administrator and by using one of his many contacts succeeded in organising a survey of the Castle by the

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Committees' News

students from the Schools of Architecture and Surveying in Bolton Street. This survey should be ready for our next meeting. The importance of the survey being carried out at this time is the time factor. A survey would have been necessary before any further work could be carried out and the National Monuments department would not be in a position to do this until 1992 at the very earliest.

Because of the great work being done quietly by the committee an unofficial view from the Office of Public Works is that it may not now be necessary to carry out an Archeological dig before work starts on the Castle. The first restoration project which the O.P.W. seem to have in mind is the Gate House.

Following a meeting with Mr. T. Kavanagh we are delighted that Mr. Kavanagh has undertaken to plant some trees and other screening materials on the mill side of the boundary wall and planting will take place at a suitable time.

The onus is now on the committee to keep Maynooth Castle well to the fore in the O.P.W. and we can but work as hard as we did in the last year to achieve a visitors' reception centre as soon as possible.

Due to adverse weather conditions our January meeting was cancelled and the next scheduled meeting is Friday the 15th February 1991, Renshan Hall, at 8 o'clock.

Secretary,
Joan Howard Williams.

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS REPORT

Someone made the suggestion to us that instead of using the slogan "Keep Maynooth Tidy" (and we all know that it is not) that we use the following: "Lets Get Maynooth Tidy" So for 1991 "LETS GET MAYNOOTH TIDY".

This gives us all a common aim. As part of our campaign, we have decided to go for the tops in Tidy Town affairs and we are delighted to announce that Mrs. Betty Carr, Chairperson of Malahide Tidy Towns Committee will speak in Maynooth on the 20th or 27th of February 1991. Date to be confirmed (see posters or contact Richard Farrell).

This will take place at a special General Meeting of the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee to be held in the Post Primary School at 8 o'clock. All Welcome.

Betty will give us the benefit of her experience and ideas since becoming involved with Malahide Tidy Towns.

Finally, we are delighted to see the Castle in Maynooth floodlit - congratulations to all.

Watch out for our posters about the Special General Meeting. Thank you for your continued interest in the environment.

Richard Farrell,
Secretary M.T.T.C.

MAYNOOTH MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE GROUP

Seventeenth Christmas in Jail.

The Birmingham Six have spent their 17th Christmas in jail. This will be a bitter disappointment for them, their families and all who have fought so hard to free the Birmingham Six. Hopes were raised so cruelly in August 1990, when David Waddington, the British Home Secretary promised to send the case back to the Court of Appeal.

An interim report from the Devon - Cornwall Police has cast serious doubts on a statement given by one of the men in Police custody. Now with Christmas just past, the promised Court of Appeal seems as remote as even the euphoria has gone. We must keep up the pressure in Ireland, Britain - wherever the Birmingham Six can be raised including Maynooth. Remind your T.D., Local Representatives or Trade Union that the case is still unsolved and urge them to raise it.

This gross Miscarriage of Justice must end. We in the Maynooth Branch have been busy over Christmas selling Birmingham Six Christmas Cards and thank all who purchased same.

Richard McKenny one of the Six has become a keen poet during his 17 years in jail. His first anthology is now on sale at the Birmingham Six Dublin Committee Office, Usher House, 40/40 Usher Quay, Dublin 6., or from myself.

The following is an excerpt from it.

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A lie is an evil thing
That destroys both faith and trust
A lie is a rapier-like-tongue
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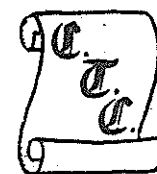
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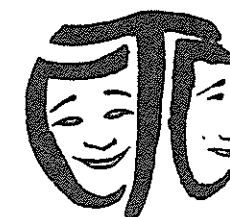
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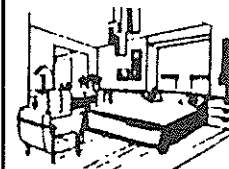


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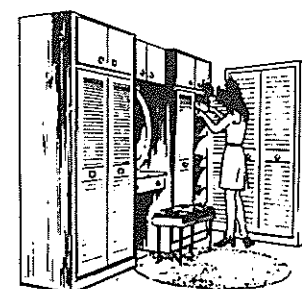
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A TRAVELLER'S CHRISTMAS

"Christmas for the Travellers is just like Saturday and Sunday". Thus Mrs. Lawrence, in the halting site in Maynooth, summed up how the Travelling Community felt about Christmas. For them, like the rest of us, it is a time for the children. It is a time for shopping, cleaning the caravan, trying to prepare the Christmas dinner with 3 or 4 young children under your feet. The day begins with Mass for the whole family, not just the children being sent to get them out of the way, then it is back to cooking the dinner, sometimes not a turkey but a chicken. It is a family affair with the adults only celebrating with a hooley after the dinner has been cooked and eaten. The television is turned on for the children, the adults don't have time to watch it.

After the dinner is eaten and the children put to sleep the adults congregate to have a hooley. This is usually held in the largest caravan where all the families on the site gather to sing and have a drink. There are no musicians on the site in Maynooth, but I was assured that many of them could carry a tune. The songs are usually Irish ballads and country and western, the older generation choosing the music. Occasionally a young person may sing a "pop" song by mistake!

Christmas for the travellers only lasts the two days and is not dragged out for two weeks. It is over by St. Stephen's day, after the songs have been sung and the drink, pooled by all the site families, has been drunk. All in all it is not that much different from how Christmas is spent by any other Irish community.

CARNATION DAY REPORT

Carnation day was held on the week ending Saturday, November 24th and the organisation in Kildare would like to thank everybody who supported our cause. The funds raised will enable the national Committee to fund the National M.S. Care Centre.

The National M.S. Care Centre

The National M.S. Care Centre is a respite care centre available to people with multiple sclerosis, described by experts as the most common neurological disorder to affect young people in Ireland. Typically, this disease is discovered in the 20-45 age group and its progress is characterised by a series of relapses and remissions. There is as yet no cure for what has been described as "modern medicine's greatest mystery". However, continuous worldwide research provides grounds for optimism.

The National M.S. Care Centre cost £600,000 to build and costs £300,000 annually to run. Only £250,000 came from the State for the building and as little as £60,000 a year is given towards running costs. Over £8,500 was raised in Kildare alone in 1990 under the stewardship of Shay O'Reilly and Dave Moynan.

Thank You to Volunteers

We would like to thank the following who assisted in the fundraising:
Maynooth firemen, including Michael O'Riordan in particular who coordinated the fund-raising.
Michael Sheils, Robert Sheils, Sean Brereton (Edenderry), Hannah Gillespie, Thomas Ashe (Post Primary), Ted Connolly,

Derek Horan, M.S. Self Help Group (Celbridge), The Proprietors, Staff and Customers of Caulfields, The Roost, Leinster Arms, Aidan's, Sean's Newsagents, Castletown Inn (Celbridge) and finally Emmet Stagg T.D. whose organisation sold carnations in all areas outside of Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge.

Finally we would like to thank in particular the people of Maynooth who gave so generously to our collection. We look forward to your continued support in 1991. Anyone requiring information about the National MS Centre should contact Seamus O'Reilly, 57 Laurence's Ave., Maynooth.

NOT THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' HISTORY OF THE WORLD.

Part one: The Truth about Valentine

Call me a cynic if you like - but then I know the real story behind St. Valentine's Day.

It all started with this guy called Valentino Schillacci, a notorious Sicilian conman. Coincidentally, his great-great grandson also gained notoriety as centre forward for Italy in the last year's World Cup - but that's another story. Anyway, this guy Valentino was Sicily's answer to Arthur Daley from Minder - always on the look out to make a quick lire or two million. The time was the 1830s in Palermo and Val (as he was known to his associates) was down on his luck.

Horse's Head

A slight business disagreement with Luigi Cannetti, the local Mafia boss, had resulted in major hospital and dental bills and Val had become accustomed to waking up to find a horse's head on his pillow. Fortunately Val was used to shocks in the morning - you'd know what I mean if you'd ever seen his wife - Maria 'Hatchet Face' Bennetti - but all that blood and stuff was doing nothing for Val's laundry bills.

Lying Low

Val had been lying low, desperately trying to think of a scheme to get himself solvent again. Cannetti effectively ran Palermo and apart from Val's greeting card and confectionery business all avenues to prosperity appeared closed. Business was in the post Christmas lull with no prospect of an upturn until mid April

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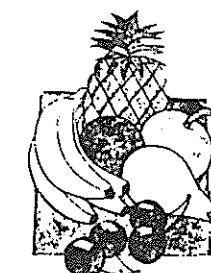
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when a few mugs might be persuaded to buy Easter Eggs. Things looked bleak. Val had 250 dozen boxes of Yugoslavian chocolates in stock before Christmas not to mention 150 dozen Korean Christmas cards which had proved a real dog to sell.

A Lucky Break

Towards the end of January Val happened to bump into Eno Fanelli at a funeral. Val attended funerals most days as it helped him pass the time and, besides, most business in Palermo was transacted at funerals. Standing in the graveyard Val and Fanelli discussed old times and some of the 'business ventures' on which they had cooperated. Fanelli was a small wheel in Cannetti's organisation with special responsibility for gambling and prostitution and, feeling some sympathy for his old friend's plight, he invited him to the grand opening of a new brothel in via Ganinni to take place some weeks later - on February 14th. Val left the graveyard in much better spirits than he had been in for weeks. The invitation obviously represented a thawing in relations between himself and Cannetti. Perhaps from now on he could look forward to waking up in the morning without squinting into the face of a dead horse.

One Good Turn

On the principle that one good turn deserves another Val decided to make a grand gesture to Fanelli (who, after all, was really only a front for Cannetti). He would present the brothel with a free supply of chocolates for their grand opening on February 14 so that each customer could be presented with a box of chocolates on the night. Needless to say the grand opening was a tremendous success and the custom of presenting boxes of chocolates in Fanelli's Exclusive Massage Parlour became firmly established.

A Flourishing Business

Business flourished and the girls took to calling Valentino Schillacci Saint Valentine. On the 14th of February each year a grand anniversary bash was held in Fannelli's with Valentino as the guest of honour. Time passed, as it usually does, and Val was quick to exploit his new found popularity. Schillacci's confectionary and greeting card business expanded rapidly as February 14th became established right throughout Sicily as a 'day of romance' when chocolates and greetings cards were exchanged among lovers - or even among those who just plain lusted after each other. With a little help from the notorious Satcchi twins - Satcchi and Satcchi - Val set up a multinational corporation to promote St. Valentine's Day. And, as the saying goes, the rest is history.

So don't talk to me about St. Valentine's Day.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
TO ALL OUR READERS**

FOOTPATHS IN MAYNOOTH

Maynooth continues to be one of the most pedestrian-unfriendly towns in the country.

What will it take to have safe and proper footpaths laid in and around Maynooth? A few fatalities perhaps?... or even more so a claim for damages to life and limb? How many times have you had to delete an expletive when you tripped in the rutted footpaths of Main Street, or been forced to jump to safety from speeding cars on the Cluain Aoibhinn or Moyglare roads?

Certainly the fabric of fast-growing towns on the edge of Dublin has taken a hammering in the past couple of decades; but that is a long time for children, mothers/fathers, schoolkids, students and most of the footsore, car-less population of Maynooth to put up with largely non-existent footpaths. Don't developers have to make a contribution to services? What has happened to this money in past years? Isn't the provision of proper footways linking new developments to the town centre as important as sewerage and electricity services?

The problems in Maynooth appear to be due to a combination of a large, young car-less population, a large transit population on the National Primary to Galway, and rapid growth in the past twenty years without compensatory infrastructural provision. Or is it due to a lack of coordinated effort by residents to bring pressure to bear in support of adequate standards?

Maynooth's population was 4700 in 1986, and is still growing. It was 3400 in 1981 - and 1300 in 1971. According to the 1986 Census, there were 1266 under 14 years of age (27%), 1312 aged 15-24 (28%), and 241 over 65 (5%); i.e. almost 60% of the population is most likely to be car-less.

Among these are 815 married women, many of whom if they resemble the national figures, also have to walk to shops etc. In the current academic year there are in excess of 3000 students in Maynooth College - the vast majority of whom have to walk around the town either to and from their accommodation in the various estates to the north and south of the town, or to and from trains and buses, shops and restaurants. Maynooth therefore has a pedestrian or potential pedestrian population that is well above the regional average for a town of its size: the College and school functions at the west end of the town centre, and the commercial functions in the Main Street and at the east end, result in a great deal of north-south and east-west pedestrian traffic. This movement is affected and made hazardous by the escalating through traffic from Dublin which now makes it extremely difficult to cross the Main Street. The trucks backing into Kavanagh's Mill add to the hazards. The by-pass will at last hopefully solve some of these problems - but how long have we to wait?

Features

As with most of Kildare's towns, there has been a very rapid development in Maynooth in the past 20 years. The main difference in Maynooth, however, is that nearly all the development from the outset was physically separated from the town centre by the railway/canal, and a sort of "green belt" became established, which is probably good for the town, but bad news for pedestrians over the past two decades. Consider that Cluain Aoibhinn was built 20 years ago - (followed by College Green, Beaufield and now very considerable development to infill the land connecting with Kingsbry) - and that no footpath was installed on the road to the town centre, no adjustment made to the canal bridge, and no support built into the road. Consider the consequences for a long-suffering generation which has virtually grown up with memories of huddling in the ditch or hedge to avoid being run over by cars or to avoid being drowned in puddles. How tolerant and courageous we are! There must be some penitential streak in the local community that has made it possible to bear such a cross for so long!

The Moyglare Road has deteriorated in the past ten years as more and more development has taken place there. Will it also be condemned to a generation of neglect? Both pedestrians and cars are trying to claim the dry ground in the middle of Moyglare road - walkers keeping out of the muck and mire at the footpath-less verge, and cars trying to keep out of the pocked and potholed opposite side of the road. In the wet and dark conditions of winter there is grave danger of serious accident here. For some strange reason, some of the new developments on the Moyglare Road have installed short lengths of path fronting their developments, but they do not line up with bits of pathway further along the road! What you have is a mishmash of bits of footpaths. So most pedestrians simply take the easy and dangerous option of walking on the road!

One of the longest footpaths in Maynooth leads nowhere. Recently restored, it leads out of the town along the Dublin Road: the last time I saw it it was heading for Carton. It seems to have been one of those countless footpaths built in hard times, and in the true spirit of "public works", it led nowhere. No houses ever got built at the end of this footpath. The recently-built Travellers Halting Site was a coincidence; I very much doubt that the presence of this redundant footpath influenced the choice of halting site.

The town centre proper presents a series of sorry excuses for footpaths.

The tree-lined Main Street is one of the most attractive features of the town. But try walking down it if you're old and disabled, or a harassed parent pushing a baby-buggy, or merrily emerging from your Local. It is an obstacle course of humps, hollows, puddles and potholes designed to twist the most supple ankle or shin. From outside the College to the Dublin end of the street on the canal side, it is very poor, rutted and uneven. At the misnamed Public Convenience, there are paving slabs in a sinking and rising condition. Indeed, this erection in the Square is a most pedestrian-unfriendly environment to rest in following completion of the obstacle course - it's cold, draughty, hostile, hard and squalid. There is no footpath from the Jeweller's corner to the new shopping terrace on the Dublin Road, an area that is frequently flooded. Convent Lane has a broken-down footpath whose surface improves towards the Dunboyne Road but is rendered hazardous by the kerbstone

jutting 2-3 inches above the level of the path: an excellent place to trip up and fall into the path of a passing truck. From the top of Main Street all the way down to the College end again the footpath is very inferior. And from McNamara's shop to the Castle is probably the worst example of a footpath in any developed country north of Gibraltar - though I'd class Doctor's Lane in toto as a no-go area for pedestrians and cyclists. At least it's appropriately named!

For the hundreds of students then, when they leave the unfriendly trackways of the town, they are met on campus by serried ranks of hostile grass triangles and rectangles all lying across their shortest paths to lab and lecture hall....! But this is a problem for the College, not the Council... What can the County Council do about the appalling footpaths in this town, before they get punished by a series of compensation claims from an exasperated community? I suggest that the people of Maynooth vote with their feet next time democracy comes round these parts.

P.J. Duffy

EYE HEAR

Contrary to reports in general and a specific report in last month's edition, Aidan Flood (former) proprietor of Aidan's has now sold his shop and is not going into insurance. However, we are now reliably informed that he has purchased

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a firm in Naas called Naas Courier Cab and Taxi Service and can now be seen swanning around Naas in his Taxi or Cab - where did he get the experience for this? We believe he has had a very intense course in same from Eugene O'Shea (our local helpful Director of M.C.L Cabs which is based here in Maynooth).

Any truth in the rumour that Aidan put diesel in a petrol car early one morning down in "Herbies" garage in Lucan. (Interesting). P.S. Herbie does not work nights. We may have more news in this regard next month.

FINE GAEL NOTES

Addressing the A.G.M. held at the end of November Mr. Jim Higgins T.D., Chief Whip, congratulated the branch on the large attendance, over thirty were present, and on the even division between male and female members. He also commended the members on the cut and thrust of the discussion which preceded his address and on the broad range of topics covered viz, the party leadership, divorce, social, justice, grants for third level students, the crisis in the cattle trade, the Shannon stop-over, local footpaths and the "Thing" in the square.

Mr. Higgins reminded the membership of Fine Gaels long tradition of serving the nation from its involvement in founding the State and establishing the Gardai, the Army, the Civil Service and many of its primary industries right through to its involvement in the two most significant developments in relation to Northern Ireland, the Power Sharing Executive and the Anglo-Irish Agreement. He predicted that this tradition of service would continue under the dynamic leadership of John Bruton who was establishing new structures to ensure that the ordinary branch members had an input into Party Policy.

Threat to Meat Plant Jobs

Contributing to the discussion on the Cattle Trade, Bernard Durkan T.D. warned that up to 150 jobs in small meat plants, in Kildare, were at risk. These plants supplied the home market. The threat to the jobs arose from the requirement that these plants conform to the levels of hygiene applied to export plants, while he was in full agreement with the implementation of these standards he felt it was unfair to expect plants supplying the home market to finance the necessary alterations and improvements themselves while export plants received generous grants for this purpose.

Officers for 1991

Those elected to serve on the Officer Board for 1991 were:

Chairperson: Manus McCarron

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P.R.O.: Fionan Hardiman

Assistant P.R.O.: Andrea Eddery

Organiser: Senan Griffin

New Members

If you would like to have an input into local or national politics or have been associated with Fine Gael in the past why not come along and have your say. Branch meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the I.C.A. Hall at 8.30p.m. See you there!

WORKER'S PARTY NOTES

Give peace a chance

The invasion and subsequent annexation of Kuwait by Iraq was inexcusable and had to be reversed. There were two ways of achieving this. One was through the application of sanctions, to which Iraq's oil-dependent economy is particularly vulnerable. The other option, which was actually chosen with little public debate, was mass warfare, involving extensive destruction and casualties.

The effectiveness of sanctions has been clearly shown in the case of South Africa which, despite being more self-sufficient and more capable of sanctions busting than Iraq, has finally been forced into reconsidering its disgusting apartheid system. Iraq is not nearly as self-sufficient, and depends almost entirely on oil exports to pay for needed imports. Oil exports, in turn, are particularly easy to curb. It would not have been long before sanctions would have begun to have crippling effect on the Iraqi economy.

In these circumstances, all-out war was simply indefensible. It was also highly inconsistent, given the USA's own record of illegal invasions of other countries (Grenada and Panama being only the most recent examples), its inaction at previous illegal invasions of other countries (such as Israel's invasion of Lebanon), and the lack of enforcement of previous United Nations resolutions (such as several dealing with Israel and the Palestinian question).

Responding to violence with even greater violence, when other options were available, is not a civilised way to approach international problems in the late 20th century. The prospects of establishing the principle dealing with such problems in a peaceful manner have received a major setback by the over-hasty resort to violence in the Gulf.

The Workers' Party rejects the unnecessary use of violence in this situation, and is opposed to the Irish government providing any assistance to those involved. The government apparent preparedness to provide such assistance without prior discussion in the Dail in both undemocratic and unconstitutional (in that the constitution expressly prohibits involvement in any war without prior Dail approval). The Workers' Party calls on all those committed to the ideal of peaceful settlement of disputes to support those groups and individuals campaigning for peace in the Gulf.

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Traffic problems in Maynooth

Following representations made by commissioner Catherine Murphy concerning the deteriorating traffic situation in Maynooth, it has emerged that discussions have been going on between the Maynooth Gardai and Kildare County Council on the issue. A survey is to be carried out on the respective merits of traffic lights and a yellow box junction for dealing with the growing problems facing traffic trying to get from the Rathcofey Road onto the Main Street.

The Gardai support the idea of a box junction at the junction between the Main Street and the Dunboyne Road, but oppose the idea of a ban on parking on one side of the Main Street, which they feel is wide enough for a free flow of traffic without such a restriction. A lot of the problem here arises from buses double parking when taking on or discharging passengers, and strict control of parking at bus stops will be necessary in order to reduce this problem.

The Workers' Party is disappointed to find that, while the traffic problems in the Square and its junction with Main Street have been the subject of lengthy discussions between the Gardai and the County Council, no solution has yet been arrived at. More public pressure is needed in this respect, and the Workers' Party invites readers to write to the Newsletter expressing their ideas on this, and other matters relating to traffic in the town.

Meanwhile, commissioner Catherine Murphy has written to Kildare County Council seeking the urgent construction of a footpath at the Main Street end of the Dublin Road (on the shopping centre side). She has also written to Quinnsnorth suggesting a one-way flow system for traffic around the shopping centre, in the interests both of pedestrian safety and smoother traffic flow.

Street Lighting in Maynooth

Commissioner Catherine Murphy has made representations to Kildare County Council to improve street lighting in Maynooth in the context of the unusually high numbers of pedestrians in the town, and particularly in relation to recent attacks on female students. However, the County Manager, Mr. J. G. Ward, has replied that financial constraints preclude the possibility of any improvement in the situation. The Workers' Party feels that Maynooth deserves special consideration in this matter because of the town's students population, and will continue to press for action on the matter.

LABOUR PARTY NOTES

Change in Clinic Venue

The location of Emmet Stagg's clinic has been changed from Caulfield's to the Leinster Arms (Slims). Access to the clinic is through the side door of the Leinster Arms so it is not necessary to go into or through the public bar.

As previously, the clinic time is from 4.00 - 5.30p.m. each Saturday and Emmet will be accompanied by our local Labour candidate John McGinley.

Christy Kenny - An Appreciation

The sudden death of Christy Kenny of Greenfields just before Christmas shocked the whole community. The Maynooth Branch of the Labour Party has lost a loyal friend and tireless worker on behalf of the Party and Christy's death has left a vacuum in the area of community service that will be very

difficult to fill. As a stalwart member of the Party, Christy could always be relied upon to tackle any job he undertook with energy and enthusiasm. To his wife Tess and daughters Sandra and Janette we offer our deepest sympathy in this their time of great sadness.

Ar deis De go raibh a n-anam.

A.I.B. Building in Main Street

Following representations made by John McGinley to the Chairperson of Allied Irish Banks concerning the poor architectural appearance of the A.I.B. building in Maynooth, John has had a meeting with the local manager Mr. Dick Tobin. At the meeting John pointed out that most commercial establishments in the Main Street have made valiant efforts over the past couple of years to improve the appearance of their premises but that the A.I.B. building (because it is single storied and has a flat roof) is very much at variance with the surrounding streetscape. We are very pleased to announce that the A.I.B. will be putting a second story on their premises to bring it into line with adjoining buildings. We would like to thank the A.I.B. for their prompt and courteous response to John McGinley's letter and we look forward to the closing of this hole in the streetscape.

St. Mary's Church of Ireland

Following an approach from the Church of Ireland Committee in Maynooth, John McGinley has been working on the design and costing of a project to floodlight St. Mary's Church. Both local residents and visitors to Maynooth have commented on

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the success of the floodlighting of the Castle and the floodlighting of St. Mary's Church would certainly complement the work already done. John will be approaching Kildare Co. Council seeking funding for the project in the near future.

Bond Bridge

Following repeated representations by Emmet Stagg, TD, and John McGinley, Kildare Co. Council have allocated funds for the resurfacing of Bond Bridge. The County Engineer has indicated that this work will be undertaken shortly and the Branch expect the Area Engineer to do his job and have the bridge, which has been in a disgraceful state for a number of years, resurfaced immediately.

Greenfield Phase III

Following repeated representations from local residents, Deputy Stagg and John McGinley have received an assurance from Kildare County Council that the back entrance to Greenfield Phase III will be levelled and resurfaced.

Lights in Kingsbry

John McGinley has been in contact with Kildare County Council regarding inadequate public lighting in Kingsbry as the developer has failed to switch on a number of lights in the most recently developed areas of the estate despite the fact that residents have taken up occupation.

Social Welfare Proposals

Emmet Stagg, TD, Labour spokesperson on Social Welfare has recently produced a pre-budget submission outlining the principles guiding Labour Party policy on Social Welfare and giving details on what changes the Party proposes in the Social Welfare system. Introducing the document, Deputy Stagg pointed out that the proposals are being produced at a time of continuing high levels of poverty, emigration, and unemployment - where over 30% of households live at or below the poverty line. The Labour Party believes that if poverty exists, it is because society has decided to allow it to exist, or at least has decided not to give priority to its elimination. Labour sees its role over the next few years to win people to an anti-poverty programme that can enhance not just the lives of the 'poor' or of pensioners, carers and workers in the home, the low-paid and the semi-skilled, the handicapped, etc. This will assist not only social welfare recipients, but reduce the load on those at work who pay the costs.

Deputy Stagg's detailed submission includes the following proposals:

- * Social Assistance to be increased to £58.00 (92.80 per couple)
- * Social Insurance to be increased to £63.80 (102.40 per couple)
- * A £5.00 monthly age supplement for all children over 12 years. This would bring Child Benefit payments to £20.80 for children 12 years and older. An age supplement has been universally demanded by anti-poverty groups since it costs more to raise older children.
- * All Child Dependent Allowances should be increased by 5% with a minimum payment of £12.00 a week (the present minimum is £11.00).
- * Large family supplement under Child Benefit should be applied to the fourth child. Presently, large families are paid £22.90 for the fifth and subsequent children. This should be lowered to the fourth child.

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- * Additional payments equivalent to the weekly value of Child Dependent Allowances should be paid out to families on social welfare on a quarterly basis. This would mean an additional week's payment in September, December, March and June.
- * Introduce a national minimum wage of £3.50 per hour (or £140.00 for a full working week).
- * Equal treatment between part-time and full-time workers with full legislative protection for part-time workers.
- * For unemployed persons over the age of 18 years and recipients of single woman's allowance still living at home, the practice of including their parents means should be abolished. In these circumstances there should be payment of the full basic social welfare rate.
- * The qualification age for the Pre-Retirement Allowance Scheme should be lowered from 60 years to 55, with the payment made at the recommended social assistance level (i.e. £58.00 for single person, £92.80 for married couple). These, and other proposals in the submission, have been fully costed and the necessary revenue to fund these improvements in the Social Welfare system could be generated by the introduction of a Land Tax on large farmers, a Wealth Tax, abolition of the ceiling for PRSI and Health Levy contributions and a number of other measures which would see a transfer of wealth from the rich in our society.

Love and the Gastric Juices

LOVE AND THE GASTRIC JUICES

Love begins somewhere in the middle-distance between a glance given and a glance received, at least romantic love does. I suppose we call this 'chemistry', the mixing of compound elements that happens randomly and invariably takes us unawares. From the first moment of impact, all the senses are heightened and unless you're an arch-cynic, you go all woozy inside. "Valentine's Day" is all about that wooziness. Being a bit of a novice and unused to falling in love (apart from every other week) I think it's fair to say that most of us become acutely self-conscious. Some People blush, shuffle uneasily, drop things, find themselves go all shy at the most inopportune time and generally long to escape to some private place where they can freely jump in the air, screw up their face, let out a high-pitched scream and then gather composure before entering phase two. Phase two comes when the realisation has hit you squarely between the floating ribs and so to gain some psychological advantage in the name of sanity, you decide your strategy.

There are limited options. There's the head-on attack where the one smitten displays a series of pre-determined symptoms to alert the other to the presence of Cupid. For women, it means lots of eye contact, ritualistic posturing and a suitable wafty scent destined to render the love object meek and vulnerable. For men, direct eye contact seems less of the essence - there is rather an increased effort to be charming and to be seen to be so in the eye of the beloved; casual glances then are more appropriate here. Or else there is the "double-entendres". Those witty or self-revealing things said supposedly to the group but really directed at the beloved, the kind of public courting-game detectable only by interested parties and harmless enough to allow a hasty get-away if necessary.

Or for the more seasoned lover, there is patience - the quiet trust in fate itself to create the perfect moment of encounter. After all, if it were chance that slung the arrow of love, then is it not reasonable to expect chance to take it from there?

You've never known disappointment until you've gone to that place where you were sure of a meeting, or at least sure of a comfortable vantage point to gaze at, swoon over, day-dream about or simply be in the presence of the victor of one's heart and they're not there. Everyone else, like your friends with whom you had previously shared a rich social life, pale to something akin to insignificance and it's then that Phase Three begins.

My sympathies to any seasoned reader because phase three is rather severe and perhaps beyond the constitution of even the most excellent character; it's the sleepless nights, the tight-gut and the emotional cold-turkey.

The intellect takes a back seat, or on occasion is employed to inform the besotted self of the sheer indecency of it all. It's here that the preening, pruning and personal refurbishments are carried out. Instead of one shower a day, its two-popping out for a pint of milk is no longer the mundane chore it used to be - its now yet another opportunity of a furtive glance, a coincidental sighting - who knows? And so you have to look your best always. Poetry and music have never been so poignant, every soap-opera embarrasses you even more than usual while you sit glued to it, the horoscope has an important and profound place in your mental health and self-understanding - and worse, far worse, the awful anxiety you feel about your big ears, thick waistline, and bad-breath rise up to haunt you.

It is my opinion that, here, intuition must be allowed expression. Grievous ill-health will surely result if the lover depends solely on rationale to vent those unbridled passions. Self-doubt provokes those niggling thoughts of rejection; "maybe they're just as sweet to everyone and I'm imagining some sense of intimacy" is a favourite, - or "God bless them, they only feel sorry for me" is another, - the most perverse is the kind of attitude that forces the lover into doing the exact opposite, the "Indifferent Approach" where the potential wooer refuses to entertain any notion of falling in love (think of the classic '10CC' song!) and thereby maintains control. Boorring!!!

Intuition will usually be loyal and faithful to the cause, but because blindness is also a feature of love, I recommend much time in quiet contemplation of the other - just to keep things in perspective, you understand.

O.K., so having established that a certain mutuality exists and that not only has the other observed this chemical reaction, but is open to receiving it, the lover must then face the trauma of a pre-arranged meeting in acknowledgement of this strange and wonderful phenomenon. This may be seen as a step forward but it is a mystery indeed how it can sometimes feel quite the reverse. There's bound to be at least six things to regret on later reflection. Nerves are a bummer.

Of course its only the next day when you've regained a little stability that the excitement sets in and you realise that these last agonising weeks, months or perhaps even years have been a pleasure in themselves and have made way for - who knows what???

A happy Valentine's Day to all our readers.

GARDA TALK

Traffic - Pound Lane/Back Lane.

We wish to draw attention to motorists and other Road users that new Traffic Regulations have come into operation at POUND LANE/BACK LANE, Maynooth. This initiative was introduced in consultation with the local residents, the Gardai and the Local Authority Officials to reduce the volume of Traffic which was using the rear laneway of the town in order to avoid the Main Street.

Traffic may NOT enter POUND STREET/BACK LANE from Mill Street or the DUNBOYNE ROAD.

Entry to BACK LANEWAYS may be gained by using the 4 side-roads off the Main Street. Traffic can however exit from the rear laneways onto Mill Street and the Dunboyne Road.

Appropriate Road signs have been erected to give effect to the new Regulations and we ask motorists to obey them and give the initiative a chance. See Sketch Map illustrating the new Road Signs and their location.

School bus safety

Reminder to Pupils.

1. Arrive in good time at your pick up point.
2. Queue properly and avoid pushing or jostling.
3. Wait for the bus to stop, then enter and take your seat in an orderly manner.
4. Keep passage-way clear.
5. Do not tamper with doors or windows.
6. Don't distract your driver - your safety is in his hands.

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7. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop at your destination, then alight in an orderly manner.

N.B. If you must cross the road, please remember to:-

Stand well back from the bus after getting off.

Allow the bus to pull away so that you have a clear view of the roadway in both directions.

Look right, look left and look right again. Cross over, checking both directions, only when road is clear.

Reminder to Parents/Guardians.

1. Encourage your children to be safety conscious.
2. Entrust younger children to the care of older brother or sister, where possible.
3. Remind them regularly of the necessity for constant care and vigilance.
4. Arrange for your children to wear reflective armbands on both arms. BE SAFE BE SEEN.
5. Ensure that your children are fully conversant with the Rules of the Road.

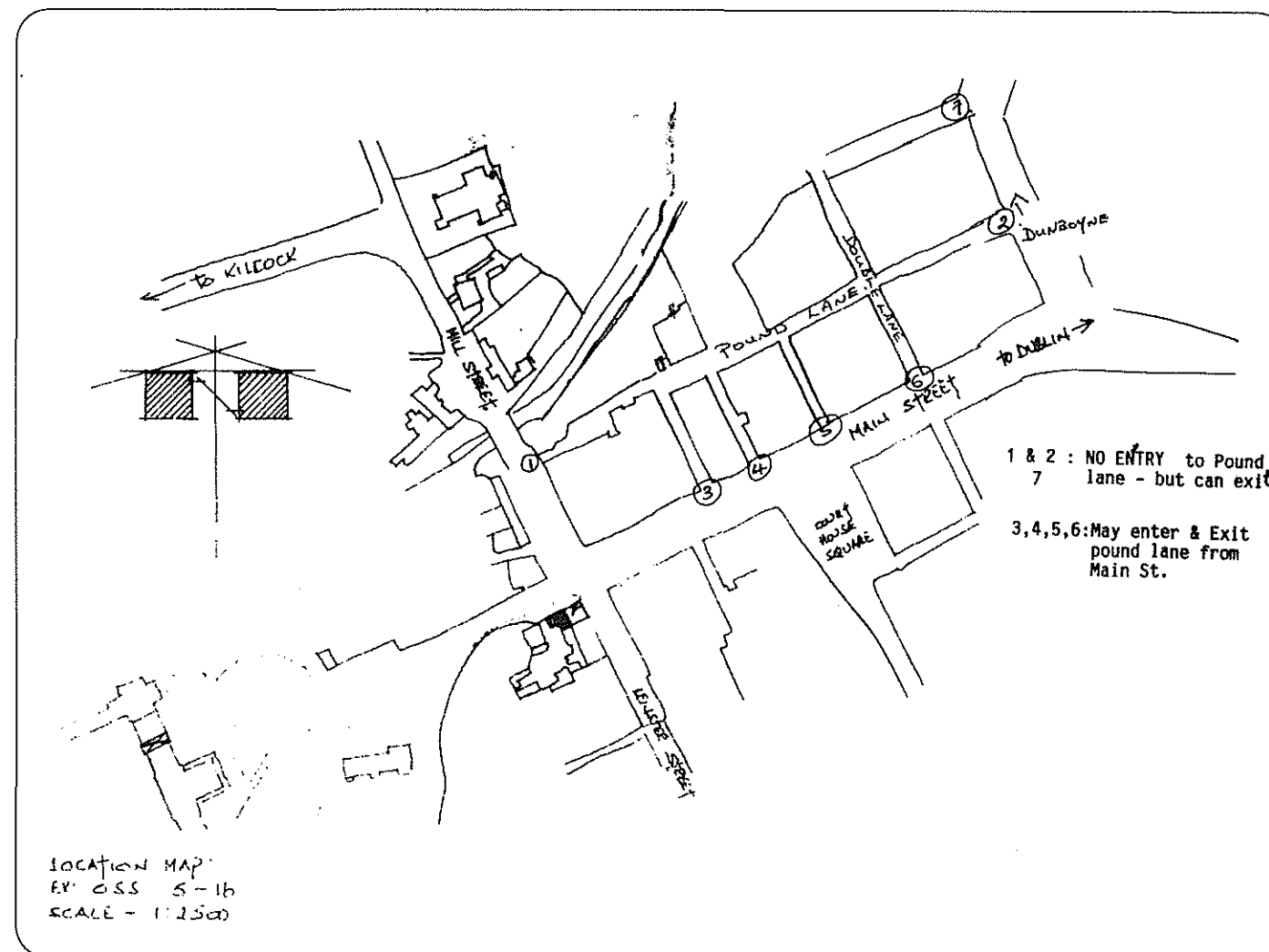
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Maynooth Community Council, on behalf of the residents, has decided to take decisive action on the issue locally. A petition prepared by the Council will be distributed and signed by as many residents as possible. The target is 3,000 signatures. Copies of the petition will be handed into the Minister for the Environment, Mr. Paraigh Flynn, and to Kildare Co. Council on the 25th February. On Saturday 23rd at 12.00am this action will be backed up by the siting of a large Bill Board on the main road into the town graphically requesting the relevant authorities to bring our roads up to acceptable standards.

Having erected the bill board a protest march will proceed through the town up to Rathcoffey Rd. to Bond Bridge. It is hoped that as many as possible will take part so as to get as much media attention as possible.

The petition will read as follows:

"We the undersigned residents of Maynooth deplore the neglect of our roads and footpaths. We call on the County Manager and the Minister for the Environment to take immediate action to bring our roads and footpaths up to a standard appropriate to the 1990's".

Community councillors will go to each household in their areas with the petition. For those who miss them, petitions will be available in local shops and the Community Council Offices.

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Fr. Mullaney

OBITUARY - FR PADDY MULLANEY

Recently the tragic death of Fr. Paddy Mullaney occurred in Enniscrone Church while he was waiting for the 8.00 vigil Mass. It was appropriate that Fr. Mullaney should die before the altar at Enniscrone Church where he spent most of his adult life praying.

Many in Maynooth will miss this caring and holy man, who devoted much of his life to the college and the seminarians who have passed through its gates in the last 25 years or so. In particular those from the dioceses of Killala have good cause to pray for the soul of Fr. Mullaney.

The life of Fr. Mullaney is a quiet epic of a life lived in devotion to the Blessed Eucharist and a single minded determination to bring the Blessed Eucharist to others as a priest. All Fr. Mullaney's life was lived with this dream which he kept alive with prayer and hope. He is an example to all of refusing to surrender one's dreams.

Born in Carrowhubbuck of poor parents in 1921 Paddy Mullaney could not afford the education needed to ensure his ordination. In 1950 at the age of 29 Paddy had the courage to return to school at Muredoch's College in Ballina but could not endure the behaviour of his 13 year old classmates.

Paddy Mullaney came to Maynooth in 1966, still holding on to his dream of one day being a priest. For 25 years Paddy Mullaney served the college of Maynooth, befriending the seminarians and helping them answer the call he was not allowed to answer.

Eventually the prayers of Fr. Mullaney were answered and the Catholic Church finally acknowledged his vocation. At the age of 69 Paddy Mullaney became Fr. Paddy Mullaney. However, the church still did not give him a permanent parish (he was temporarily curate in Kilmury). Tragically it relented on the day Fr. Mullaney died.

If anybody is worthy of heaven it is Fr. Mullaney. Perhaps the church would act quicker in acknowledging his sanctity than it did in acknowledging his vocation. If so then surely he should be made patron saint of difficult vocations.



Fr. Paddy Mullaney with Mrs. Betty Tracey shortly after his ordination last year.

Love Spells

EYE OF NEWT, TOE OF FROG

Of all the solutions sought for the ensnaring of a loved one none has caught the imagination as strongly as the love spell. Traditionally lying within the realm of the hag or wise woman, and involving more psychology than anything else, the love spell conjures up notions of dissected frogs, bruised bats, assorted pots, twists of hair, nail clippings, lots of smoke and enough fever to generate nuclear fusion. The self same spell has been the cause of both ruin and glory. Almost all of our myths, sagas and fairytales contain more than a passing reference to it. Hollywood has invoked its theatricality and fluffed its dimensions towards terror. And as always, a neat and watertight moral manages to attach itself to the tale: what you gain by resource to the expedient of magic will always twist itself around to haunt you (and haunting will only be the beginning...).

As with all things magical, the love spell relies heavily on the psychological effects of its theatricality and ritual in order to reap rewards: If you believe in something fervently enough it will happen. Bearing this in mind we have gone to the great trouble of researching and concocting the following ingredients, which when coupled with the correct amounts of hokum and crafted over a suitable replacement for a cauldron we feel sure will have their desired effect. Of course the Newsletter takes no responsibility whatsoever for any unfortunate creation of frogs, mice or rabbits which might ensue due to miscalculated mutterings. You are advised to practice the following in the privacy of your bathroom before launching broomstraddled from the garage roof - indeed, ignore the latter option altogether.

Ingredients:

2 red candles, piece of fabric the colour of your loved one's eyes, one toe nail, painted red if possible, one strand of loved one's hair. Put all these together in a scarf, boil for 2 minutes, leave to cool; when cool place ingredients in right hand side of your jacket pocket and go meet your loved one where she will do anything you command.

Write the initials of your loved one's name. Place in a pot of food colouring, then put in ten stones, 2 whiskers of a dog and toe nails of a cat. Leave to simmer for 3 hrs. Then place in your left shoe before your loved one arrives.

MUSIC IN COLLEGE

Lunchtime Concerts

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Monday 18 February: Lindsay Martindale, 'cello.
Monday 25 February: Piano Recital by G.P.A., International Competition Finalist.
Monday 4 March: College Chapel Choir*
Tuesday 19 March: College Traditional Irish Musicians.
Monday 25 March: Piano Recital by G.P.A., International Competition Finalist.

Features

Concerts

Tuesday 5 February 20.00: RTE invites the staff and students of Maynooth to a concert by the National Symphony Orchestra (Conductor: David Jones) with Rachel Quinn, piano, in the National Concert Hall.

Sunday 10 March 20.00: Handel's 'Messiah', performed in the College Chapel by Maynooth University Choral Society, the Dublin Baroque Players, with soloists Frances Lucey, Maree-Rose Jones, Emmanuel Lawler and Nigel Williams, Directed by Gerard Gillen.

Lectures

Thursday 7 February 17.00: Dr. Brian Boydell on 'Music in 18th Century Dublin'.

Thursday 21 February 17.00: Charles Acton on 'Liszt the innovator'.

* These events take place in the College Chapel.

RIGHTS COLUMN

Question: I expect to be made redundant shortly and wonder how my redundancy lump sum will be calculated. I have worked for the same employer for the past 22 years but for the past two years I have only been working part-time (20 hours per week). Can you advise me?

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- (b) a week's pay for each year of service over age 41.
- (c) plus one extra week's pay.

The present ceiling on earnings is £250.

The payment would normally be calculated on your earnings at the time you are let go. In your particular case it is up to the employer to decide whether to base it on (a) your part-time earnings or (b) to calculate it on the earnings you would now be getting if you were working fulltime.

If he decides to base it on your part-time earnings, you can appeal to the Employment Appeals Tribunal, Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Road, Dublin 2.

Factors that would be taken into account are:

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- (2) was it because of lack of work/reduced business?
- (3) was it to suit you personally?
- (4) was there an understanding to put you back on full-time working when business improved?

Your employer will be able to recoup 60% of the statutory lump sum from the Department of Labour.

For further information contact - The Redundancy Payment Section, Department of Labour, Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Telephone (01) 765861.

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ROMANIAN APPEAL

Over the last week of Christmas school, the boys of Mr. Downes' sixth class, have been executing many events in order to help raise money for Romanian Orphans. A look is taken from behind the scenes.

The main moneymaker was the raffle. Organized by Simon McGrath, Mark Kennedy, Brendan Mooney and the treasurer, Declan Buckley. Approximately a thousand tickets were sold. On their behalf, thanks go to the many, many Maynooth shops that donated so many prizes, but with special thanks to Mr. Ciaran Grant, who supplied an electric heater which raised £40. Thanks are also due to the buyers of the tickets, without whom, obviously, the whole thing would have been a fiasco.

Possibly the greatest attraction was the two soccer matches, the teachers vs. the pupils. In the division one match, the teachers won, but it was no walkover! First, the teachers opened up a three goal lead, with one goal from Mr. McBride, one from Mr. Downes, and one from Mr. Clarkeson. However, in the first minute of the second half, the pupils equalised! First, a great goal by Kenneth Kirby past Mr. O'Connell, the principal, opened the way to a good game. Then two more blistering goals by Declan Buckley drew them level. However another goal by Mr. Clarkeson gave the teachers the lead once again, and another by the same secured the outcome.

In the second game, a sort of "second division" game, the weaker players on both sides clashed, in an excellent battle for supremacy on the football pitch. First Mrs. Gunn scored, giving an early lead to the teachers. Even so, John Stanley, the organizer of the event, managed to squeeze the ball in past Mr. O'Connor. Mrs. Brennan scored in a valiant attempt to clinch the match, but in the last minutes John scored yet again! The battle raged on for a while longer, but no further goals were scored. A total of £140 was gained.

A class play was put on as well, a stage adoption of the story "Delicious", by Natalie Babbitt. It was also a great success. Shown in many of the classes, it received thunderous applause, four encores, a smashed wine bottle (due to a minuscule stage), and net profits of about £30. Those responsible were John Canny, Brian Folan, John Stanley, Hugh Denman, Leo Comerford, Stephen Brennan, Mark Kennedy, Mark Grassick, David Coughlan, Michael Tumelty, William Waldron, Simon McGrath, and Simon Gunn.

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In closing, a video showing was organized by James McMahon. Helped by Simon McGrath, Alan Nugent and William Gannon, he showed a collection of *T.M.N./H.T. programmes for the first and second classes. Through voluntary contributions, he collected £20.

We hope that all the money, (a grand total of £350) raised will be put to good use in Romania.

Written by Hugh Denman based on material compiled by Leo Comerford, James McMahon, Kenneth Kirby, John Stanley, Simon McGrath. *T.M.N./H.T.= Teenage Mutant Ninja/Hero Turtles.

POINTS OF VIEW

Sr. Paulina is a member of the Servarum Spiritus Sancti (S.SP.S) order of Nuns. She is in Maynooth in order to improve her English before she leaves for Botswana. Coming from Bali in Indonesia, Sr. Paulina has never experienced snow before and was very excited to discover it falling last month. It was so "white and great fun to play in" but she didn't like it when she discovered it was also slippery.

Sr. Paulina is the youngest child of two boys and three girls, her father died when she was just two years old. She joined the S.SP.S. sisters in order to "serve people and God" and is a qualified cook and home-economics teacher. The order was founded by Blessed Arnold Jansen in 1889 and is closely associated with the S.V.D. priests also founded by Blessed Arnold Jansen. Both orders have a special devotion to the Holy Spirit as is evidenced by their motto "May the Holy Triune God live in our heart and in the hearts of all people."

Sr. Paulina will be in Ireland for about one and a half years before she goes to the mission in Botswana. So far her impressions of Ireland were it is "very green" but "very cold." In Indonesia there are only two seasons, dry and rainy and the temperature only ranges between 25 - 30 degrees celcius.

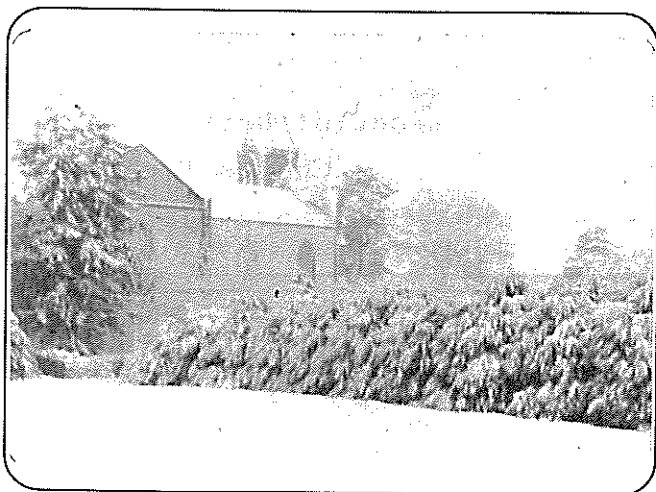
The rainy season lasts from October to April but Sr. Paulina says that the climate appears to be changing and the rainy season may now last until June or even July. A sombering reminder of the so-called "Green House" effect.

This Christmas was a little sad for Sr. Paulina who was away from home for the first time. It will be about five years before she will see it again. Christmas was spent with the S.V.D. priests who prepared the dinner for both themselves and the S.SP.S. nuns. Sr. Paulina had no complaints about the priests cooking. It will be the turn of the sisters next year to feed the priests.

Sr. Paulina likes living in Maynooth because of the fresh air and the community fellowship she has found with the other sisters of her house. Christians in Indonesia comprise only 3% of the total population the majority of whom are Muslim. However the church going rate is 100% compared to the 75% in Ireland. English for Sr. Paulina is very difficult to learn because in Indonesian there is no past tense, only the present and the future. What a lovely way to talk. Sr. Paulina has no worries about the future because she is trusting in the Holy Spirit. We hope that trust is well founded.



Sr. Paulina front centre surrounded by friends from Ecuador, Austria, Chile, Slovakia, Bali, Argentina, Poland and Columbia, most of whom are seeing snow for the first time.



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Star Crossed

Our stargazer, Marie Celeste, has been laid up with a fractured leg as a result of her most recent trip across the zodiac and instead we have asked her wacky friend Big Dipper Murphy (otherwise known as Minerva) to propel us into February. Due to the emphasis on all things Valentine in this month's issue we have persuaded Minerva to pay particular attention to the romantic elements in each chart. Possessing a somewhat satirical frame of mind, Minerva delighted in observing the following:

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Due to your tendency to put your partner on a pedestal you will realise two very important things in the middle of this month. The first will be that he or she has more human failings than you expected (not bad considering you expected them to have none) and the second will be that woodworm will have settled into the base of the aforementioned pedestal resulting in an unglorified collapse of everything bar the rafters. Avoid the lounge in the Roost.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

It is time to put an end to the months of testing the waters and go up to the desired one and tell them how you feel. Let's face it, you have been wondering for years whether or not this is the person for you and if you don't make a move by the 25th they will have evaporated with impatience. For those of you already secure beware your tendency towards possessiveness - it is time to get rid of the private detective.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Being a born flirt is never easy, especially when you've cornered someone and have spent hours yapping at them to see what makes them tic. Be very careful that the object of your campaign is not concealing hammers, hatchets, bottles or any other dubious equipment because the answer to your investigation will certainly not be you. However, if you can find somebody wearing a hearing aid this month then success will be yours.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

The fact that you're in love at the moment is nothing to feel smug about. You are always buried in the depths of it and this is becoming something of an endurance test for your friend(s). You must wake up this month and come back to *this* planet. By the end of the month you will have realised just how suffocated you made your partner feel and unless you take immediate steps to cop on you will run the risk of losing him/her. (And you needn't expect to get *sympathy!*).

Leo (July 23 - August 22)

This month sees you *finally* overcoming that painful experience of unrequited love (eleven years ago) and indicates that you will meet an individual of a passive and submissive nature who will leave you plenty of room to be bossy, boisterous and overwhelming. They will be devoted to you and your expensive gifts, your insistence on always paying, your open house etc etc. A meeting with your bank manager is indicated in the last week of the month.

Virgo (August 23 - Sept 22)

Joy and bliss and incredible fortune is yours this month - you have accidentally stumbled into the path of the Leo described above and should make every sustainable effort to close your mouth when yet another gift is presented to you. Visit Travel Options as soon as possible and arm yourself with brochures to be dropped, discovered, sat upon, tripped over and generally made visible during all meetings with this person.

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)

This is the month to send to the publishers those acres of love poetry with which you've obsessed yourself for the last three years but don't expect a response in the immediate (or any other) future. It is also high time that you stopped pretending to be in love with that person whom you met briefly at the bus-stop in 1970 and have never seen since. Choose one of the people with whom you think you are currently in love and ensure that they take you to an expensive restaurant on the 14th. You will become a vegan on the 15th.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Sometime in the second week of the month you are going to erupt, having controlled your Scorpion temper for close to three months now.

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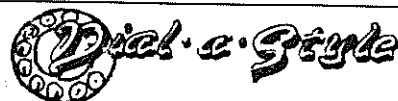
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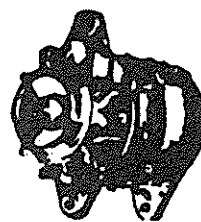
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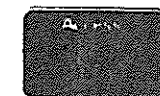
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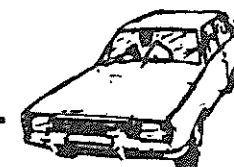
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Romanian Children

A sort of a cloud obscures this particular bit and I can't quite see what you will be erupting about but there's an individual (with a tee-shirt that says "Endangered Species") breaking the land-speed record in an attempt to avoid being hit by a squadron of bottles. As usual, take it for granted that it isn't serious.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Very bad news this month. You will be met at the door of your residence by at least seven of the people whom you passionately seduced last month and one of them will be dangerous. Strangely, there's nothing at all about you for next month, or the month after. However, in the very distant future I can discern crutches and an endless supply of bandage.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Having dismally failed in your attempts to flirt and hidden in solitary confinement for the past year, it is now time that you crawled out from beneath the handbasin and resumed existence. For goodness sakes try not to collapse when winked at and make a determined effort this time to impress upon assembled company that you are there. Begin practising now because you will need all of your strength and courage on the 15th when a member of the opposite sex will actually speak to you.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will have to face up to the fact that you were wrong in that table quiz two years ago and forgive your partner for telling you so. Of course it is difficult being so close to perfection but remember that not all of the other life species around you are amoebic. You will be faced with an enormous challenge around the 8th when you will have to tell somebody that you like them. Once they have you strapped to the iron chair, swaying above a barracuda, it should not be too difficult to say it.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)

Having consoled yourself with alcohol last month you will fling your being to the nether-regions of the spectrum this month and bedazzle (not to mention bewilder) anybody who comes across your path. Towards the middle of the month prepare for yet another electric encounter of the spiritual kind (when your E.S.B. bill will again be revealed to you in a nightmare). Needless to say you are still convinced that Disneyworld should swirl through the roof whenever you attempt a seduction. Despite all my warnings, I can't convince you that once in a while some people just want to go to sleep.

Minerva (Big Dipper).

ROMANIAN CHILDREN

Today in Romania, children are crying out for parental love. Also today in Romania many Irish couples are desperately trying to give these Romanian Children the love their parents cannot. It should be simple to bring a child who needs love together with a couple who wish to love that child. It is, however, often very difficult to do so.

Adoption is a maze of emotional and legal difficulties. Everybody would agree that the well-being of the child must take precedence over all other considerations. Adoption is the bringing together of strangers who hopefully will become a family. Even when everything goes smoothly it is a very brave undertaking.

Such an act of courage was committed by a couple living in but

Maynooth. Their courage, however, was even greater than that of ordinary adoptive parents. This couple went to Romania to search for their child. Motivated by the desire to love and raise a child of their own and by the frightening news reports from Romania about the appalling conditions endured by Romanian Children.

It is not easy to adopt a Romanian child. The Romanian Government insist that the adoptive parents prove their suitability. A list of documents must be prepared before the hopeful parents leave for Romania. Documents such as: (1) Bank Statement, (2) Character reference from one's local Garda station, (3) Current Birth and Marriage Certificates, (4) Letter from the Department of Justice, (5) Medical Certificate and (6) A home report from a Qualified Social Worker. This last document is the hardest to obtain as the health boards are reluctant to provide them.

There are more difficulties ahead for a perspective couple, having arranged all their documentation and arrived in Romania, they will receive no official help of any kind. They must hire a guide themselves who will bring them to the various orphanages. Having found the orphanage, they must choose a child. This is often the most difficult moment for to choose one is to reject the others. For the couple in Maynooth, however, it was love at first sight.

The child, having been chosen, the permission of the child's natural parents must then be obtained, if they are alive, before the adoption can take place. This permission must be given before a Judge, and again it is the adopting parents who must organise the court and Judge.

In Ireland the adoption has no legal status and the child is an illegal alien. It is to be hoped that the Irish Government will soon change the law in this regard and allow these children to become Irish children.

The couple spoken of in this article wish to remain anonymous have said that they will offer advice to any couple thinking of going to Romania to adopt a child. If you need such help contact us at the Maynooth Newsletter and we will pass your name on to the couple. The couple have joined the "Irish Romanian Adoptive Parent Group".

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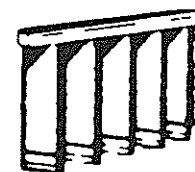


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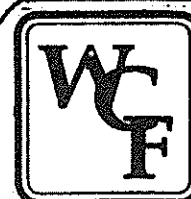
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Crossword No. 39

CROSSWORD NO. 39

by Elle Bias.

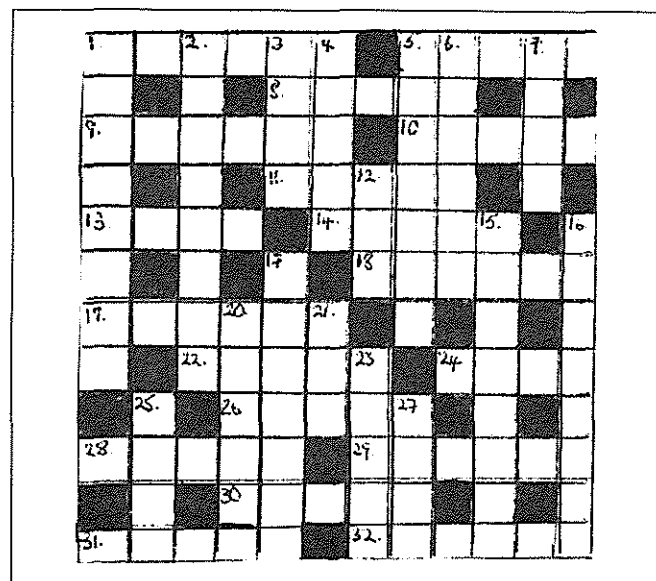
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Across

1. Inn (6) 5. Appears (5) 8. Keen (5) 9. Meal (6) 10. Alcoholic Drink (5) 11. Not on record (5) 13. Monster (4) 14. Entices (5) 18. Trial Cosmetic (6) 19. Method (6) 22. Devastation (5) 24. Hit smartly (4) 26. Poetic rhythm (5) 28. Cringe (5) 29. Adjudges (6) 30. Oven (5) 31. Defeats (5) 32. Effaces (6).

Down

1. Land Turtle (7) 2. Spiteful (8) 3. Remainder (4) 4. Post-birth (5) 5. Cut (7) 6. Eats away (6) 7. Donkey (slag) (4) 12. Set down (3) 15. Waiters (8) 16. Dissents (8) 17. Turns back (7) 20. Least fierce (6) 21. Witty saying (3) 23. Long for (5) 25. Gown (4) 27. Water Jug (4).



Solution to Crossword No. 38

Across

1. Marmalade, 9. Devour, 10. Debonair, 11. Valets, 12. Zenith, 14. Brat, 15. Creel, 16. Lethal, 18. Assumed, 21. Veteran, 24. Rotter, 26. Vague, 30. Alto, 31. Atrium, 32. Clumsy, 33. Autobahn, 34. Deadly, 35. Boorishly.

Down

2. Apexes, 3. Myopic, 4. Loathe, 5. Durable, 6. Senate, 7. Together, 8. Wrestling, 11. Valve, 13. Tram, 17. Barricade, 19. Satsumas, 20. Early, 22. Taut, 23. Avocado, 25. Easels, 27. Garter, 28. Erebus, 29. Bushel.

Winner of Crossword No. 38:

Michael O' Sullivan, 1185 Greenfield, Maynooth

Closing date for receipt of entries:
Monday, February 18th at 5pm.

Out and About

STREET TALKING

Aidan's sold

Maynooth will soon sadly witness the departure of Aidan's Newsagents from the square. Aidan's, which was sold recently at an auction for an undisclosed sum, will be a sad loss to the many who used to nip in for a paper to read or sweets to munch on the bus. Street Talking wishes Mr. Aidan Flood the best of luck in all he does in the future. (See report in "Eye Hear" for more details)

Just Gifts??

It's a funny world and just as we say farewell to one member of the Flood family we must welcome another. Terry Rogers, a first cousin of Aidan's has recently opened "Just Gifts" in the town centre mall. Terry has had a wide experience in the retail trade, being, in her past life, both a buyer and a seller for Arnott's Department Store. And this experience shows in the bright and spacious layout of "Just Gifts". The shop stocks a wide range of items such as brass, crystal, pottery, pewter and cuddly toys at prices ranging from as little as £2 to as much as £195. "Just Gifts" is worth a visit at any time of the year even just to treat oneself.

Searching for a cast of thousands

In No. 3, The Square, Mr. Jude Fitzgerald has, since the 15th November been struggling to stem the tide of unemployment. For on that date he began his employment agency called Abbey Recruitment Ltd. This agency works to place qualified teachers in employment both at home and in England. Regrettably most of the positions available in Ireland are only temporary. Though at the moment Abbey Recruitment only handle teachers they hope in the future they will cater for office, computer and nursing staff. Most of those on the books are graduates of the college in Maynooth but there are some from the other colleges as well. Abbey Recruitment Ltd. only deal with graduates at the moment.

While just a walk away...

Another new arrival in Maynooth last year was the Centra Supermarket in the Main Street. This bright and clean shop is an asset to the town centre and is an indication of the growing market Maynooth is becoming for the entrepreneur. Managed by Mr. Nicholas Dunican, Centra has a broad range of goods and very liberal opening hours, 7.30a.m. to 9.00pm seven days a week.

Changes for Lyreen House

Street Talking has heard that Lyreen House in the square is to undergo renovation work by the Eastern Health Board prior to it becoming part of an expanded psychiatric service of the Eastern Health Board.

Christmas Tree

This column would like to congratulate Kavanagh's Mill for the best Christmas Tree yet. Sadly, it had trouble staying up due to vandalism. This is not the first year that such an incident has occurred - almost every Christmas the tree in the square has been attacked and its lights broken.

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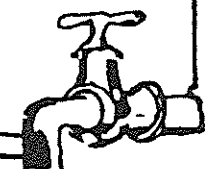
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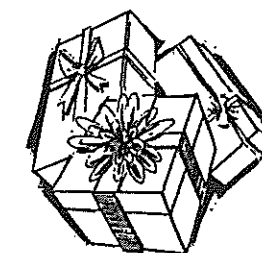
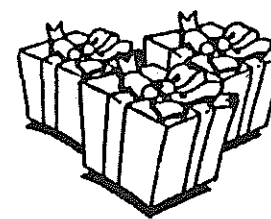
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Sports News

MAYNOOTH G.A.A NOTES

The following were elected at our Annual General Meeting held in our new Social Club on Sunday 13th January 1991.

Patron - Fr. Supple, Presidents - Jim Tracey, Jim Nolan, Phill Brady, Dinny Breen, Vice Presidents - Tim Twomey, Oliver Reilly, Chairman - Michael Gillick - 6286556, Vice Chairman - Mick Kelly (Sen.), Secretary - Bernie Lacey - 6286448, Assistant Secretary - Tommy Fay, Treasurer - James McLoughlin, P.R.O. - Tommy Fay - 6289193.

Committee: L. Lacey, P. Nevin, K. Connolly, M. Ryan, C. Feeney, P. Kearney, J. Conway, D. McDermot, Fr. Thyne, P. Carr, S. Molloy, J. Nevin, M. Caden, D. Madden, M. Gleeson. Development Committee: M. Gillick, P. Nevin, C. Feeney, L. Lacey, J. Conway, M. Kelly.

Junior 'A' Selectors: Jack Farrell (Manager), K. Connolly, J. Nevin.

Junior 'B' Selectors: M. Ryan (Manager), P. Carr, J. Nevin.

Under 21 Selectors: K. Connolly, T. Fay.

Minor Selectors: M. Donnolly, M. Ryan, A. Killoran.

All going well we hope to have our Social Centre open on 17th March.

Any people in Maynooth interested in Hurling who can help us to train our under age Hurling Team's please contact D. Quigley, S. Cummins, L. Lacey and P. Nevin. We cater for under 11, 13, 14 and 15. Training for all under age Hurling Team's start's on Saturday 2nd February at 10.30am in Moyglare Rd. field. Everybody welcome.

Anyone wishing to become a member of our club can do so by contacting any member of our committee. Also new players are very welcome.

Training has started for our under age football teams. All welcome from the age of 8 years to 14 years every Saturday morning at 11.30am in the Moyglare Rd. field.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our under age Christmas Draw. It was very successful.

Tommy Fay
P.R.O.

MAYNOOTH A.C.

The cross country season has been in full swing for the past couple of months and many notable successes have been scored by our athletes.

Juveniles: Patricia Purcell, Emer O'Sullivan, Conor Diggins and Michelle Gillick were individual medalist at the championships. Conor was our first medalist when he won the silver medal in the boys u/10 and then went on to take third in the U/11. Patricia Purcell took the U/14 title with Emer O'Sullivan 2nd and Maynooth won the team title with Margaret Brennan (6th) and Tracey Kearney (10th). Emer subsequently finished 3rd in the U/15. Michelle Gillick after finishing 4th in the U/12 put in a superb performance to win the U/13 and lead the team completed by Maeve Flood (5th), Tracey Kearney (13th) and Linda Haren (15th) to second place. Our boys U/9 team taking part in their first cross country ran well to take 2nd team led by Morgan Sweeney (8th), Noel Healy (11), Daniel Adderley (13) and Cillian Carr (14). All our athletes performed well in these championships and there was intense competition for

scoring places on our teams. Our other competitors were;

Girls U/10 Irene Kearney (15), Catherine Duff (18).

Boys U/10 Noel Healy (13).

Girls U/12 M. Gillick (4), Susan Adderley (8), Virginia Breslin (21), Laura Kearney (23).

Boys U/12 Derek Arnold (19).

Girls U/14 Anne Marie Farrell (11) Dervla McDermott (14).

Boys U/9 Stephen Healy (15)

Girls U/11 S. Adderley (6), I. Kearney (17), C. Duff (23).

Boys U/11 D. Arnold (17).

Girls U/13 L. Kearney (18), D. McDermott (19), Orla Cahill (21), Valerie Nolan (22).

Girls U/15 Gemma Haren (7).

Further good performances came in the "B" championships where the boys U/9 team again came second with the girls U/13 team also coming second. Results of these were;

Boys U/10B K. Ennis (5), N. Healy (15).

Girls U/12B S. Adderley (10), L. Kearney (21).

Girls U/14B T. Kearney (4).

Boys U/9B M. Sweeney (5), D. Adderley (10), C. Carr (11), N. Healy (13), D. Healy (15).

Girls U/11B S. Adderley (4), I. Kearney (18).

Boys U/11B D. Arnold (15), D. Carr (16).

Girls U/13B M. Flood (7), T. Kearney (9), D. McDermott (11), L. Kearney (13), V. Nolan (14).

In the Leinster Championships our athletes were involved for club and county with Conor Diggins being our only medal winner being second man home in Kildare U/11. Conor had a magnificent run subsequently finishing 8th in U/10 - Kildare leading runner. The placings of our athletes in these championships were;

Girls U/9 78 I. Kearney.

Boys U/9 48 C. Carr, 54 P. Ennis, 60 D. Adderley.

Boys U/10 8 C. Diggins, 55 D. Carr, 73 N. Healy, 74 S. Healy.

Girls U/11 57 S. Adderley.

Boys U/11 22 C. Diggins, 55 K. Ennis.

Girls U/12 16 M. Gillick, 45 S. Adderley.

Girls U/13 34 M. Gillick, 80 T. Kearney 82, L. Haren, 83 L. Kearney, 84 D. McDermott.

Girls U/14 E. O'Sullivan 19.

Senior/Vets: Our novice ladies got the season off to a good start when Frances Kearney finished 3rd and the team completed by Margaret Gillick (4), Marie Gleeson (6) and Bernie Dunne (7) took the team title. David Jolley was our sole runner in the men's novice finishing 9th.

In the vets B. Dunne was O/35 winner, F. Kearney 3rd O/35 and the team (same as for novice) was 2nd. Back in action again Pat Maher was 3rd O/45 while David Jolley was 15th overall, Mick Gleeson (20th) and the team took 2nd O/40 award. F. Kearney was 3rd again in the Intermediate with the team 2nd and David Jolley 3rd in the mens.

In the senior there were no individual medals won but the team again excelled to take 2nd in the ladies with F. Kearney (6). B. Dunne (9) and M. Gleeson (10). In the senior men we lead an incomplete team with Willie Healy making his club debut over the long distance of 9000m Willie had a fine run finishing 16th behind Pat Maher (5) and Dave Jolley (13).

Details of the Leinster Championships were as follows;

Ladies O/40 M. Gillick (12), M. Gleeson (18).

Men O/45 P. Maher (3), D. Jolley (10). As well as taking the individual bronze Pat was also a member of the winning Kildare Team.

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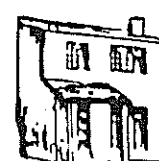
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Sports News

Ladies O/30 13 F. Kearney, 17 B. Dunne, 18 M. Gleeson.
Men O/35 23 D. Jolley.
Men O/40 3 L. McNamee, 6 P. Maher, 19 D. Jolley. A great performance by the lads to take third club.
In the All-Ireland veterans championships our athletes were again to the fore. In the ladies O/35 Frances Kearney was 8th helping Kildare to 2nd in the Inter C. Marie Gleeson was 13th in O/40 again helping Kildare to 2nd Co. Liam McNamee finished 6th in the mens O/40 but with no team in support was out of the medals.
All the drama unfolded in the mens O/45 where for a long period it looked like Pat Maher could take the title matching the leaders all the way. His Kildare team mate Ray McCauley (Leixlip) and himself eventually broke the field and it was McCauley who proved the strongest finisher. This was a great performance by Pat and Kildare with 4 finishers in the top 5 winning the Inter County. Another fine run by David Jolley in finishing 12th - a performance that would guarantee a scoring position 99 times out of 100.
Training is now resumed for existing or new athletes at the GAA field Tuesdays/Thursdays 7.00 to 8.00 pm.

MAYNOOTH GOLFING SOCIETY

Christy Kenny: an obituary.

It was with deep regret and sadness, that members of Maynooth Golfing Society heard of the recent sudden death of their colleague Christy Kenny from Greenfield, Maynooth. Affectionately known as "George" to all his friends in the Society, of which he had been a member for quite a number of years. Christy was a very keen golfer and always thoroughly enjoyed himself on our outings.
On a personal level, I knew Christy to be a very friendly, jovial type of character with a fantastic sense of humour and I had the pleasure of his company on many occasions throughout the years on the golfing circuit.
I'm sure each individual member of the Society will have his own happy memories of time spent with Christy. A very good friend of Christy's, our incoming Captain, Paddy Foy, has said that outings will never be the same again without the presence of Christy and these sentiments are echoed by all the members of the Society.
On behalf of the Committee and members of Maynooth Golfing Society, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to his wife Tess and his family.
May he rest in peace.

Sean Tracey,
Hon. Secretary.



Christy Kenny

MAYNOOTH TOWN A.F.C.

Our Season failed to take off following the Christmas break due to inclement weather conditions. With a full list of fixtures for Sunday 20th January, we had hoped to continue our pre-Christmas winning ways. League leaders West Park Albion were due in town and would have given a good indication as to the merit of our recent good form. Our second team were deprived of a Conway Cup outing with a late cancellation of their Phoenix Park fixture. It is hoped that the weather will soon take a turn for the better and activities will soon re-commence. Our Christmas Party held in Geraldine Inn was a most enjoyable affair with excellent entertainment provided by that doyen of groups, Fiddler's Green. Danny, Noel and Patsy deserve great credit for interrupting their Christmas vacation to provide the music and the craic. They were well supported by the usual crop of local talent who lent their considerable talents to the evening.

The Table Quiz held in Slims in conjunction with the Community Council was a most successful venture and the success of the Club team comprising of Ben Daly, Ollie Durack, Sam Feeney and Eenny Murphy added to the enjoyment.
The club was deeply saddened by the death of Christy Kenny prior to Christmas. Christy was one of our founder members and a great supporter of the club in all matters. To his wife and family, we extend our sincere sympathy.

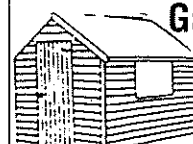
SPLASH NEWS

Welcome back to all our members after the Christmas break. The present term will continue until 23th February 1991. Our family swim on 12th January was a great success and enjoyed by all.
We are currently compiling a waiting list and if you would like a place for your child/children please contact the secretary Mary Healy (Phone No. 6286942) for further details. In particular we are looking for improvers who already have some knowledge of swimming and who would like to be part of our club. To be able to swim is a life-long gift to give to your child. Children must be over 4 years of age.
Finally the committee would like to wish all our members a very happy New Year.

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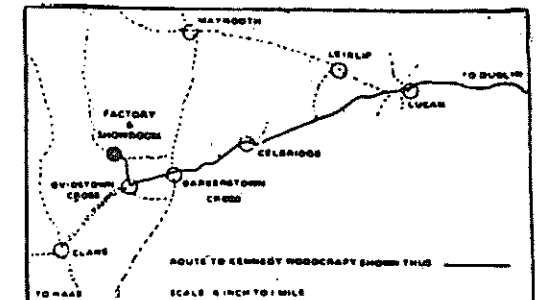
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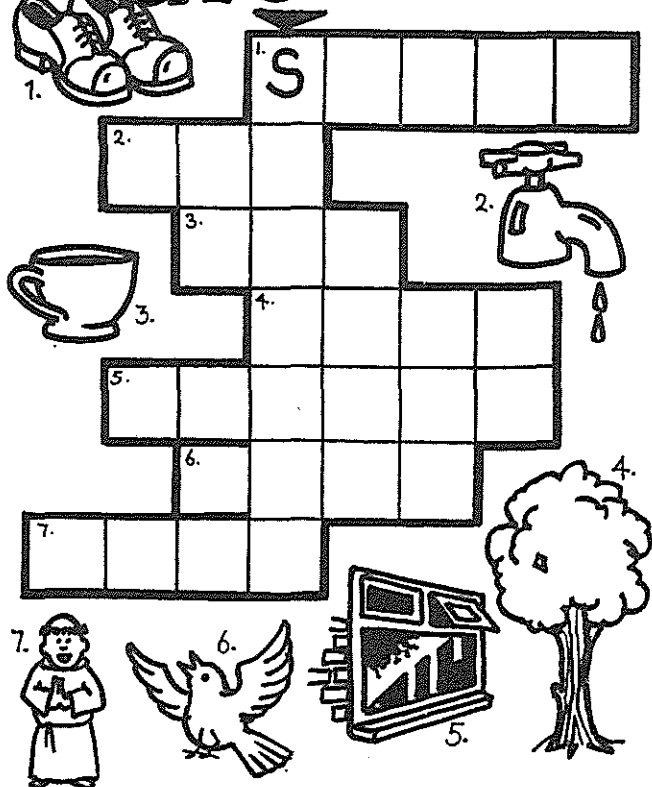


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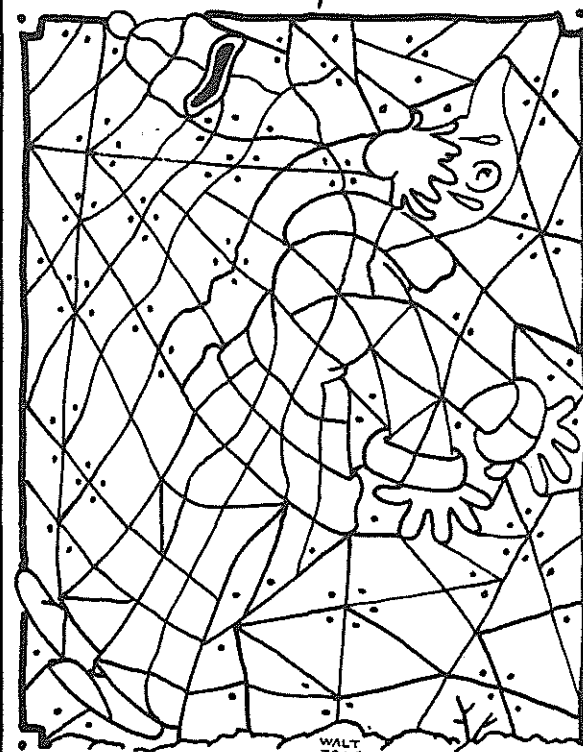
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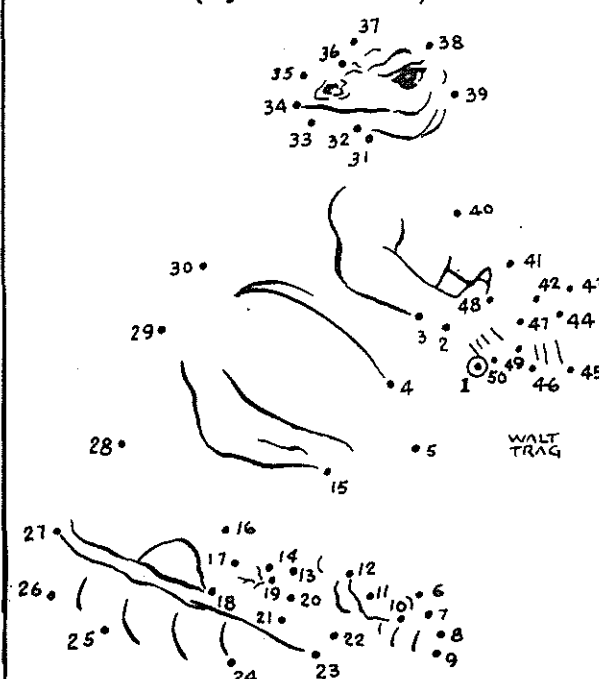
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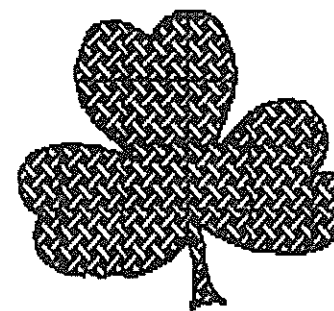


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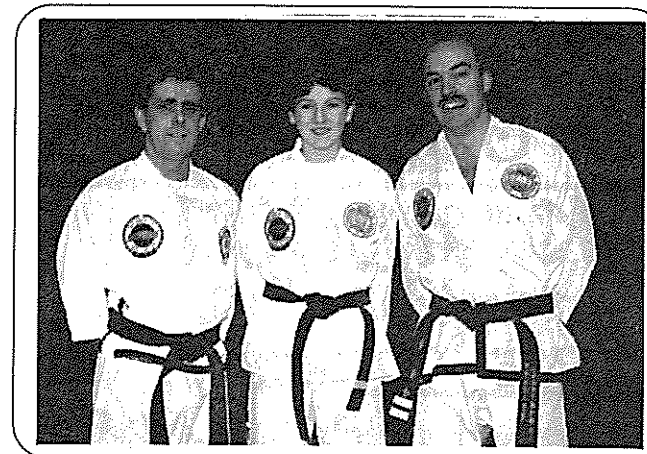
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- (3) Best Band (4) Best Rock Band (5) Best Marchers
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TAE KWON DO



1 - R Gerard McClelland 3rd DAN, Antoinette Mooney 1st DAN, Michael Devereux 2nd DAN

The end of 1990 marked a very significant turning point for Maynooth Tae Kwon Do school with the appointment of the schools' first Black Belt, Antoinette Mooney (14) from Old Greenfield graded, and was promoted to 1st Degree Black Belt by Mr. Robert Howard, 6th Degree and Mr. Anthony Phelan 6th Dan.

Antoinette has trained consistently with the school since it opened in 1985.

The school itself has progressed within the Republic of Ireland Tae Kwon Do Association to become Irish National Champions in 1990 and was subsequently followed by Antoinette's promotion to Black Belt.

The school is now one of the strongest in the R.I.T.A. and under instructors, Gerard Mc Clelland 3rd Dan, and Michael Devereux 2nd Dan, has designs on maintaining its strength through methodical and technical Martial Art Training. It's strength is in its rigorous discipline and respect for the quality of the art and also from the tremendous support from within the Community of Maynooth.

Antoinette may be the first Black Belt in Maynooth, but is merely the first of a long line to come.

The instructors would like to thank the parents for their own dedication to encouraging Antoinette and to all parents and members for their neverending perseverance.

P.R.O.

G. McClelland.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Farrelly: The brother and sisters of the late Bridie Farrelly wish to thank most sincerely those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement, those who attended the removal, Mass and burial, sent Mass cards, floral tributes, and letters of sympathy, our good friends and neighbours. As there are too many people to name individually we trust this will be accepted as an expression of our gratitude. Mass has been offered for the intentions of all.

SYMPATHY

Wife, daughters, grandson, brothers, sisters, mother-in-law, relatives and friends of the late Christopher (Kit) Kenny, Greenfield.

Sons, brother, sisters, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends of the late Mary Mulligan (nee Bell) Killeaney.

Daughters, sister, sons-in-law, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late Mary Dempsey, Spincopp, Leixlip.

Sons, daughters, sisters, grandchildren, relatives and friends of the late William Monohan, Greenfield.

Brother, sisters, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends of the late Mick Mulherns, Danesfort, Kilkenny, Leixlip and formerly Staff St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday to John Walsh, Clondalkin. Love Nuala.

Happy Birthday Yvonne McCarron, 2 Greenfield, 5 years old on 27th February, from Daddy, Mammy, sister and brothers. Also to her Daddy Manus, 15th February. Love from Margaret, daughters and sons.

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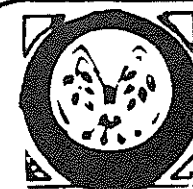
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Birthdays

Belated Birthday wishes to Tracy Horan from your best friend Annette.

Happy Birthday Mammy on February 27th. From Annette, Peter and Ciaran.

Happy Birthday to my Mother, Ann Connolly, Sarchfield Nursing Home, who will be 93 years of age on 1st February. Lots of love from her daughter Madge, grandchildren and great grand children.

Happy 12th Birthday on 4th February to Carol Dunne, Pitchfordstown, Kilcock. Lots of love from Mammy, Daddy and Lorraine.

Belated Birthday greetings to Karina McGovern, Greenfield who celebrated her 10th Birthday on January 14th. Love from Nannie Una and all your family.

Happy Birthday to Doreen Tracey, Greenfield, January 14th. Love from all at 818, 820 and 833 Greenfield.

Happy Birthday to Barry Collins, Mariaville, aged 11 years on February 5th. Also to his brother Brian aged 15 years, February 10th. Love from Una and Family.

Love and Best Wishes for a very happy Birthday to Una McGovern, Greenfield, February 2nd, from your loving Sons, Daughters-in-law and Grandchildren.

Happy Birthday to Sharon Fowler, Kilbrook, love Fiona, Tony, Andrew and Paul.

Birthday Greetings to Mick O'Neill, Kilcock, love Fiona and Tony.

Happy 21st Birthday to Tony Cummins love Fiona.

Happy Birthday to Padraig Travers, love Fiona.

Birthday Greetings to Paul Byrne, love Fiona.

Happy Birthday to Joey O'Brien, Ovidstown, from all the TED Gang.

Happy Birthday to Sean and Coln Moriarty from Family and friends.

Congratulations to Patrica Dempsey, Greenfield, who celebrates her birthday on 31st January, from The Gang.

Congratulations to Tina Fitzpatrick who celebrates her birthday on February 9th from the gang.

To The Kiely Family in Johannesburg, wishing you all the best from your New Year's Eve Friends for 1991. Hope you will be with us to ring in 1992.

Happy 1st Birthday on 7th February to Ciara in London, love from Grandma, Grandpa and Uncle Ter in Kingsbry.

Happy 14th Birthday to Terence on 3rd February, love Mum and Dad.

Birthday Greetings to Bernie, from the gang.

Happy Birthday to Aoife Barlow, age 11 on February 2, love from Nanny and Grandad.

Birthday Greetings to Darren Naughton, Greenfield, age 11 on February 14.

Happy Birthday to Larry McTernan, Highfield, Kilcock, February 25.

Birthday Greetings to Mrs. Shirley Cummins, Highfield, Kilcock, February 12 and to daughter Niamh, age 7 on February 5.

Birthday Greetings to Mrs. Mary Halligan, Station Road, Leixlip, February 3.

Birthday Greetings to Gerard Mc Ternan, Greenfield, February 27.

Happy Birthday to Paul McTernan, Highfield, Kilcock, age 15 on February 4 and his sister, Gillian, age 9 on January 24.

Very best wishes to Phil Brady, Clock House, who celebrated his birthday on January 19. This comes from all the Patrons of Clock House.

A very happy birthday to Brother Brendan (S.M.A. House) on Valentine's Day. With love from Isabelle, Peter & Co.

PERSONAL GREETINGS

Congratulations to Maggie Heeney, Celbridge, and Martin Foy, Maynooth, on their recent engagement. Love and best wishes, Fiona.

Congratulations to Justina O'Neill, Kilcock and David Byrne, Kilcock on their recent engagement. All our love and best wishes for your future happiness, Fiona, Tony, Family and friends.

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Personal Greetings

Congratulations to Sharon Fowler, Kilbrock, and Andrew Byrne, Celbridge, on their recent engagement. Love and best wishes for your future happiness, Tony, Fiona, Paul, family and friends.

Congratulations and best wishes to Michael and Eileen McGovern, Greenfield on their 11th Wedding Anniversary on January 26th, from Mam, Kevin, Noel, Marie and boys.

Congratulations to Michael and Josephine Dempsey, Greenfield, who celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary on February 19th. From Noel, Patricia, Margaret and Joseph.

Congratulations to Bernadette and Tony Price, Prosperous, who celebrated their 8th Wedding anniversary February 6. Love from Mammie and Daddy. Also best wishes to Daddy and Mammie Barlow, Greenfield, who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary February 4. This comes from Bernadette and Tony.

Congratulations to Emma Boyce, Corbally and to Noel Tracey, Greenfield, who were married on January 5th.

Congratulations to Mrs Muldoon on the birth of her baby girl. Love from Helena, James, Michael and Thomas.

Congratulations to Mary Conneely-Sheridan and her hubby (Superman) Martin, Kilmessan, Co. Meath on the birth of their baby daughter. Five down, five to go! Lots of love Maura.

Get well wishes to Louise Croake. Hope you get better soon, from all your friends in Maynooth.

Best wishes, good luck and many happy days in retirement to Mrs. Ita McTernan, Parson Street. This comes from your workmates and staff in St. Patrick's College.

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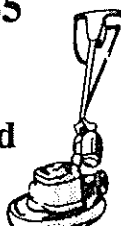
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